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This first annual report of Minnesota KIDS COUNT focuses on key indicators of children's well-being and details the condition of children in each of Minnesota's 87 counties. Minnesota KIDS COUNT--as part of a campaign by Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota and Congregations Concerned for Children to end child poverty in Minnesota--collects, analyzes, and publishes county-by-county data on the status of children and uses the data to mobilize citizens and policy makers to take action. The report is divided into seven chapters. Chapter 1 analyzes the goals of the report, while chapter 2 reviews the Minnesota KIDS COUNT findings. Chapter 3 provides information about the support systems children need. Chapter 4 introduces selected key indicators of child well-being. The indicators measure the risks children face in relation to what they need--economic security, strong birth circumstances, and protection from violence and neglect. Chapter 5 offers a county-by-county profile of the status of children. Chapter 6 provides data on the needs of children of color and analyzes related problems. Chapter 7 offers suggestions on what can be done by individuals, the community, religious congregations, business, the media, and elected officials to improve children's living conditions. A summary of the report is provided separately. (AA)

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Minnesota Kids A Closer Look

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This first Minnesota KIDS COUNT annual report focuses on key indicators of children's well-being. Future annual reports will include new data, as well as report new data on some of the trends documented in this edition. Minnesota KIDS COUNT also publishes special reports on specific issues that impact children. Two reports, "Minnesota's Child Support System Fails to Meet Children's Needs" and "Behind from the Start — Prevention Programs Not Reaching Many Minnesota Children," were published in 1993. In order to focus on children in local communities, all Minnesota KIDS COUNT publications report data by county.

CDF-MN is responsible for collecting, analyzing, and publishing KIDS COUNT data. Congregations Concerned for Children is responsible for disseminating the reports and working with the media. The Minnesota Extension Service distributes the reports through its statewide network.

Over the past five years, CDF-MN and Congregations Concerned for Children have often combined their skills and resources to raise public awareness of children's unmet needs and to improve public policies affecting children. Minnesota KIDS COUNT continues this partnership on behalf of children.

Minnesota Kids

A closer look

"The greatest threat to our national security and future comes from no external enemy but from the enemy within — in our loss of strong, moral, family, and community values and support. Parent by parent, youth by youth, voter by voter, professional by professional, congregation by congregation, club by club, community by community, foundation by foundation, corporation by corporation, city by city, county by county, state by state — all Americans must commit personally and as voters to a national crusade of conscience and action that will ensure that no child is left behind. Only we — individually and collectively — can transform our nation's priorities.

Marian Wright Edelman,
The Measure of Our Success



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Minnesota KIDS COUNT will publish additional reports on trends in the well-being of the state's children in 1995, 1996 and 1997.

Minnesota KIDS COUNT is also publishing several special reports on topics related to child poverty and well-being. Two are now available: "Minnesota's Child Support System Fails to Meet Children's Needs" (spring 1993) and "Behind from the Start: Prevention Programs Not Reaching Many Minnesota Children" (fall 1993).

More copies of this report and copies of the special reports can be ordered from

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"In many Indian cultures, young children
are considered sacred gifts to the
family and to the tribe."

Wahacanka Ska Win Gough

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

- On page 2 review the Minnesota KIDS COUNT findings.
- On page 4 look for information about the support systems children need.
- On page 17 learn about the indicators of risk to children analyzed in this report.
- On page 16 review a map of Minnesota's counties; then turn to page 19 for a county-by-county map of child poverty, the single greatest risk to a child's well-being.
- On pages 20-41 find county-by-county information about the percent of children at risk for each of the 11 indicators in two different years, the percent change between the two years, and why these circumstances pose risks to children.
- On pages 45-132 locate your county's one-page profile of the status of children.
- On page 134 find out where Minnesota's children of color live.
- On pages 135-142 learn about the disparities by race for children — in poverty, low birthweight, and failure to graduate from high school.
- On pages 143-145 decide which actions for children you will pursue at home, in the community, and at work.
- On pages 146-147 answer questions you may have about the data used in this book.
- On the last page find postcards for ordering more copies of this and other KIDS COUNT reports, for putting your name on the KIDS COUNT mailing list, and for becoming a child advocate.



1. WHY THIS BOOK

Almost every state and national organization concerned about social issues and the future of our country has published a report on children during the past few years. These reports tell us over and over that children are in trouble, that our future is in jeopardy, that we must be concerned. So, why another report?

The answer is simple. The pictures we have seen to date are massive, often focusing on all children in the country or Minnesota as a whole. They do not tell us about the children in our own backyards, allowing us to imagine that children's problems are far from home and have little to do with us.

Minnesota Kids — A Closer Look brings the children of each Minnesota county into clearer focus so that people can grasp the needs of children in their own communities and begin to address those needs. The report gives each Minnesotan the tools necessary to work in every community and at all levels of government to improve children's lives.

"If you don't understand that my children are your children, that my children's well-being is tied to you and your children's well-being, we have a problem."

Mary Azzahir,
Minneapolis Way to Grow Executive Director,
January 1994



"...the young, young children,
O my brothers,
They are weeping bitterly!
They are weeping in the playtime
of the others,
In the country of the free."

— Elizabeth Barrett Browning

2. KIDS COUNT FINDINGS

- The percentage of *children under age 18 living in poverty in Minnesota* grew 21.6% (from 10.2% to 12.4%) between the 1980 and 1990 censuses. This occurred despite decreases in the rate of child poverty in 44 of the 87 counties. Lake County in the northeastern part of the state saw the most extreme rate of increase — 192.9%.

Minnesota's children of color are far more likely to be poor than are white children. In 1989, 45.1% of children of color lived in poor families, as compared with 9.7% of European American children.

- The percentage of *children living in single parent families in Minnesota* rose in every county. Statewide, the rate went from 11.8% in 1980 to 16.2% in 1990 — a 37.3% increase. Five counties saw the rate increase by more than 100%: Mille Lacs, Mahnommen, Wadena, Watonwan, and Marshall.
- The proportion of *Minnesota children dependent on AFDC* rose by 15.7% statewide between 1986 and 1991. Forty-six counties saw increases, with Wilkin County in west central Minnesota seeing the largest — 73.4%. The rate decreased in 38 counties, with Watonwan County seeing the greatest decrease — 70.2% — and did not change in three counties.
- The percentage of *children born to unmarried parents* grew by 36.8% between 1986 and 1991 statewide. Of the 87 counties, 80 saw increases, four saw decreases and three saw no change. Yellow Medicine County, on the southwestern side of the state, saw the largest increase — 289.7% — and Red Lake County, in the northwest corner, the largest decrease — 7%.
- In 1986, Minnesota met the United States Year 2000 *low birthweight* goal of no more than 5% of children weighing less than 5.5 pounds at birth. By 1991, however, the percentage had grown to 5.3%, a 6% increase. The percent of children with low birthweights increased in 49 counties, decreased in 37, and stayed the same in one. The largest rate of increase — 218.8% — was found in Kanabec County, and the largest decrease — 81.5% — in Lac Qui Parle County.

Minnesota's children of color are far more likely to have a low birthweight than are the state's European American children. In 1991, 9.1% of children of color were born weighing less than 5.5 pounds, as compared with 4.9% of European American infants.

"Since 1973, the number of Minnesota juveniles arrested for violent crimes has more than doubled. Since 1973, the number of boys arrested for aggravated assault has quadrupled, while the number of murder arrests of juveniles has quintupled. In 1990, 15-, 16- and 17-year-olds accounted for the highest number of arrests for serious crime."

Daniel Storkamp, Director Criminal Justice Center, Minnesota Office of Strategies and Long Range Planning

- The proportion of *Minnesota children born to mothers under age 18* grew by 8% between 1986 and 1991. The rate increased in 48 counties, decreased in 37 and did not change in two. Mower County on the southern border saw the most extreme growth in the rate of children born to teen mothers — 400%.
- The proportion of *Minnesota children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of schooling* rose by 12.4% between 1986 and 1991. The proportion increased in 54 counties, with the largest rate of increase occurring in Brown County — 277.3%. The rate decreased in 30 counties and did not change in three.
- The number of children for whom *abuse and neglect was substantiated in Minnesota* rose from 7,760 in 1986 to 10,224 in 1991, a 31.8% increase. Mahnomon County saw the largest proportional increase — 625%. Grant and Kittson Counties had the largest proportional decrease — 91.7% each.
- Between school years 1986-87 and 1991-92 the percentage of *children dropping out of school* before high school graduation rose by 25%. It increased in 51 counties, decreased in 31, and did not change in three (two counties did not report dropout data for 1991-92). In seven counties the rate of increase between the two years was greater than 200%: Cass, Nobles, Jackson, Carver, Grant, Red Lake, and McLeod.

In 1991, the proportion of children of color who dropped out of school — 10.3% — was over three times that of European American children — 2.8%.

- The percentage of *crimes committed by children that are crimes against people* grew by 13.8% between 1987 and 1991. Forty-two counties saw increases, 37 saw decreases, and eight counties saw no change. Ten counties with increases had no child crimes against people in 1987. The largest rate of increase occurred in Cass County — 523.1%. Eight counties saw their rates decrease by 100%.
- The number of *violent deaths among children in Minnesota* dropped by 25.2% between 1986 and 1991. However, 10 counties that had no violent deaths among children in 1986 had one or more in 1991. Of the 25 counties with increases, Kandiyohi County in the southwestern part of the state had the largest measurable increase — 500%. Forty-one counties had decreases and 21 had no change.

Minnesotans can easily be captivated by the myth of Lake Wobegon: that our children are all above average. Yet the signs are clear that all is not well in our own backyards. These findings show that today's children will not be capable of being tomorrow's builders, teachers, farmers, and leaders unless individuals and communities act now to improve their lives.



"We need more than kind sentiments about children. We need to draw on the rich resources of our community to address their needs."

Rabbi Harold Kravitz, Co-Chair,
Minnesota Rabbinical Association, 1992

3. WHAT CHILDREN NEED

In order to grow into healthy well-adjusted contributing adults, children need economic security, a good start at birth, and protection from violence and neglect. Yet KIDS COUNT indicators show that thousands of Minnesota children do not have these very basic underpinnings.

Corporate, government, and religious leaders, as well as parents, teachers, and concerned individuals in communities throughout the state, have the tools needed to build a strong foundation under every Minnesota child. This chapter describes what is needed; chapter seven shows how individuals and communities can work together for children.

• Economic security

Children must have food, clothing, shelter, transportation, health care, and child care in order to survive. Yet, during the 1980s, child poverty in Minnesota increased 21.6% and the proportion of children in single parent homes increased by 37.3%. Between 1986 and 1991 the proportion of children receiving AFDC — the most extreme measure of poverty — rose 15.7%. These KIDS COUNT findings mean that an increasing number of families are simply unable to provide their children with basic life necessities.

THE FEDERAL POVERTY STANDARDS

The 1993 standards:

Family size	Maximum annual income
2	\$9,430
3	\$11,890
4	\$14,350
5	\$16,810
6	\$19,270

Although these are the most widely used measures of poverty, they undercount the number of people who are poor. Families cannot meet their basic needs with incomes this low. The reality is that thousands of Minnesota children with family incomes above the poverty line also live in rundown, unsafe housing, go hungry on a regular basis, and cannot afford needed health care.

A mother with four children became homeless in 1993 and had to move into a shelter in Minneapolis. When their EIC refund from the mother's part-time job arrived, they used it for a rent deposit and to pay an outstanding phone bill. Moving to the new apartment and getting a phone helped the family stabilize economically and emotionally. Later the family received housing assistance and began paying only 30% of their income for rent.



Three broad strategies would ensure that no child — whether in a single or two-parent family, a family working for low wages, or a family relying on AFDC — would live in poverty:

- ensuring a living wage for every worker and supplementing the earnings of low income families as needed;
- strengthening the safety net for families who cannot send an adult into the workplace; and
- setting reasonable and enforceable child support levels based on children's needs.

Ensuring a living wage

To raise the children of working parents out of poverty, the minimum wage must be increased, the tax burden on families with low incomes reduced, and financial assistance with child care, health care, and housing guaranteed when it is needed.

A full-time minimum wage job (\$4.25/hour) cannot cover the cost of a family's housing, food, health care, transportation, and child care expenses. The average cost of these basic necessities for a working parent with two children totals \$1,933/month.¹ In comparison, a full-time job at minimum wage pays only \$736.66/month before taxes, less than half the amount needed.² Even a minimum wage of \$6.25/hour, as proposed in a bill now before Congress,³ would generate only \$1,083.33/month before taxes.

The federal Earned Income Credit (EIC) and state Working Family Credit (WFC) are currently the best way to increase incomes of working parents who cannot earn enough to support their families. A Minnesota parent of two children working at minimum wage in 1993 is eligible for an additional \$1,737.65 in combined EIC and WFC credits. The basic federal credit for a family with two or more children will grow from \$1,511 in 1993 to \$3,370 in 1996.

THE EIC AND WFC POSITIVE STEPS FOR CHILDREN

The federal Earned Income Credit (EIC) and Minnesota's companion Working Family Credit (WFC) provide tax refunds to low income working families with dependent children. Together these programs can raise the annual income of a family depending on one full-time minimum wage job by nearly 20%. In 1992, 136,000 Minnesota families received average refunds of \$960 from the combined EIC and WFC. For many, the credits meant an additional month of family income.⁴

Child care, health care, and housing assistance should be available to families who, even with tax credits, still cannot support their children.

To assure all children access to adequate financial support, the minimum wage must be raised, Minnesota must invest more resources in its safety net, and all parents must meet their child support obligations.

Child care assistance means the difference between "making it" and going on welfare for Patricia, a mother in Blue Earth County with two children. Patricia works from 6:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., earning \$5.93/hr as a nursing assistant. At full cost, her child care would be \$3.00/hr and take more than half her wages. On the sliding fee child care program, she pays only \$20.00/mo for child care.

- **Child Care.** Lack of affordable child care is too often the stumbling block for a low or moderate income family trying to "make it." Outside the metropolitan area, the average cost of care for a toddler in a center is \$448.50/month. In the metropolitan area, it is \$474.25/month.⁵ Care for infants and children with special needs costs even more.

Minnesota's child care assistance program shares the cost with parents, providing subsidies based on family size and income. However, the program does not reach all eligible children, as evidenced by a waiting list of over 6,200 families. With an investment of another \$32 million/year these waiting families could buy child care and go to work or participate in training programs.

- **Health Care.** Since passage of the Children's Health Plan in 1987, Minnesota has led the way in sharing the cost of preventive health care with parents. With expansions in Medical Assistance, and passage of the 1992 MinnesotaCare legislation, nearly all of the state's children have financial access to health care through private insurance or a government-subsidized program.

A gap still remains, however, for children whose parents' jobs neither include health insurance, nor pay enough for the family to purchase insurance independently. While these families are eligible for MinnesotaCare, which charges monthly premiums on a sliding scale, evidence is developing that the combined cost of the premiums and co-pays are too high and are forcing some families out of the program.

All government supported health insurance programs, including MinnesotaCare and the proposed national plan, must be realistic in their estimates of what low income families can afford in premiums and co-payments. If they are not, Minnesota will see an increase, not a decrease, in the number of children going without necessary health care.

- **Housing.** In the 1960s families could expect to spend 25% of their incomes on housing. But in 1989, over three-fourths of Minnesota households with incomes under \$10,000 spent more than 30% of their incomes for housing.⁶ Some had to use all of their income for housing.⁷ Housing costs have gone up at a much faster rate than has the minimum wage or AFDC. This has resulted in increasing numbers of children living in condemned and unsafe housing or becoming homeless.

Communities throughout Minnesota have initiated public and private housing programs for people with low to moderate incomes. But more are needed. Local and state government should develop and fund comprehensive housing policies that will increase subsidies available to low income families, improve the condition of currently available rental property, and develop new homes to be purchased or rented by low income families.

"We are guilty of many mistakes and sins,
but our worst crime is abandonment of
the child,
neglecting the fountain of life.
Many things we need can wait.
The child cannot."

Gabriela Mistral

Fortunately, thousands of Minnesota children have fathers like Tom. Divorced when his son, Mark, was five, Tom paid child support until Mark had finished high school, then paid virtually all of his college expenses. Tom says he always felt a strong moral and financial commitment to Mark and considered child support one of his normal living expenses.



Strengthening the safety net

Minnesota's safety net is failing children. Families receiving AFDC — the "welfare" program designed to provide at least minimal economic support for children — cannot even afford a decent two-bedroom apartment and three meals a day.⁸ Minnesota's monthly AFDC grant is \$532/month for a family of three, 46% below poverty. Two-thirds of all AFDC recipients are children. This means that in 1991 during each month an average of 115,512 Minnesota children, who depended on AFDC for financial support, lived in deep poverty.⁹

While the state and federal governments jointly fund AFDC, states set the amount of financial support provided families. Grants should be raised in Minnesota so that children receiving AFDC do not live in poverty.

In addition to setting the amount of support for families on AFDC, states also run programs to help families get off assistance and into jobs. In Minnesota 2,365 parents left AFDC in 1991, largely through training, education, and job services offered by STRIDE, Minnesota's employment and training program. Unfortunately, the average wage of a Minnesota family leaving AFDC to take a job is \$6.48/hour; so many families continue to need child care, health, and/or housing assistance. Parents who leave AFDC to take a job get one year of "transition" child care. Since one out of five families whose transition year ended in fiscal year 1993 were forced to return to AFDC,¹⁰ it is clear that one year of additional assistance is not enough.

In April 1994, Minnesota will launch the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP). A pilot program, MFIP will allow parents receiving AFDC to work and continue receiving assistance until they are earning enough to support their families. During MFIP's five-year demonstration phase, the program will be available to approximately 8% of families receiving AFDC.

To help families bridge the gap between welfare and work, Minnesota should fully fund the STRIDE program and include more families in the MFIP demonstration.

Setting and enforcing reasonable child support

Child support paid in full and on time can mean the difference between poverty and economic security for children of divorced and never-married parents. Yet Minnesota's system for establishing paternity and setting and enforcing child support is not working. In a separate special report, Minnesota KIDS COUNT found that almost one-third of the children in Minnesota's child support system lack even an order for support. The average order for all children in the system is \$116/month, less than a quarter of the minimum cost of raising a child today in this state.¹¹ Thousands of non-custodial parents either cannot or will not pay the full amount ordered, which brings the average amount collected per child down to \$77/month.

Andrew's mother Margo called the Minnesota Department of Human Services for a copy of the Recognition of Parentage materials after she heard about them on the evening news. It is exactly what she and Andrew's father, who lives in another state, need so that Andrew can be added to his dad's employer-based health insurance policy. Margo said she felt so relieved after hearing the newscast she was too excited to sleep.

Ben's mother calls him a "WIC kid." Pregnant and poor during the mid-70s, Ben's mom received WIC coupons for herself during pregnancy, then for Ben's formula during his first year. Today, Ben attends college and plans to become a high school math teacher.

There are several reasons for the lack of sufficient child support including inadequate guidelines, low rates of paternity establishment for children of unmarried parents, lack of simplicity and uniformity in the child support system, and low wages for non-custodial parents. Minnesota has taken a positive step by creating an expedited procedure for establishing paternity. Beginning January 1, 1994, unmarried parents can sign a Recognition of Parentage and immediately establish their child's paternity. Legal connections between children and their fathers give children identity, access to genetic information, and financial benefits, including the right to child support.

Further changes to the child support system would benefit children. Child support guidelines should be simplified and made less discretionary so that attorneys and judges will not be needed to set levels of support. A statewide administrative process for setting and enforcing support should be available to parents without attorneys. Training and job placement programs should be available to non-custodial parents who need jobs in order to meet their child support obligations.

• A good beginning

In addition to economic security, children need the best possible circumstances at birth. Yet Minnesota KIDS COUNT finds that many early indicators of risk have grown worse for Minnesota children. Between 1986 and 1991, the rate of births to unmarried parents rose by 36.8%, births to mothers under age 18 rose by 8%, and births to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education rose by 12.4%. During the same period the rate of babies with a low birthweight increased 6%.

To get Minnesota children off to a better start in life, Minnesota KIDS COUNT recommends:

- full funding for supplemental nutrition programs;
- improved access to health care; and
- community action to encourage teenagers to delay childbearing.

Nutrition

Good prenatal nutrition helps develop a child's brain and raise birthweight. Children born too early and at too low a birthweight (under 5.5 pounds) are at much higher risk for death during infancy or serious health problems (examples: blindness, cerebral palsy, and mental retardation) and later developmental handicaps.¹²

The best way to ensure that pregnant women get the nutrition they need is to fully fund WIC (Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides foods such as milk, cereal, juice, and peanut butter, plus nutrition education, to pregnant women and children under age five with family incomes below 185% of poverty (\$21,996/year for a family of three).

WIC benefits both families and taxpayers. Every WIC dollar invested in the health of a pregnant

In Minneapolis, Way To Grow projects employ home visitors to work with the families of children 0-6. Their goal is to help families prepare children to succeed in school. In addition to modeling parenting skills and playing with the children, the home visitors help families assess their needs and connect with community resources. Family needs vary from parent support groups, to getting library cards, to registering for AFDC and housing assistance. Public health nurses, social workers, and parent educators provide back-up to the home visitors whose primary qualifications are strong communication and parenting skills.



women saves \$1.92-\$4.21 in Medical Assistance costs that might otherwise be incurred in caring for the mother. By raising infants' birthweights, WIC saves Medical Assistance \$12,000-\$15,000 in later medical care every time a very low birthweight is prevented.¹²

Although Minnesota is one of 26 states to supplement federal funding, its WIC program can serve only two-thirds of eligible women and children statewide. An additional \$25 million/year (in 1993 dollars) would assure that all eligible women and children in the state could receive WIC.

Universal access to health care

In order for children to get off to a good start in life, pregnant women and young children also need access to health care. As discussed earlier, nearly all Minnesota children now have financial access to health care. However, that is only part of the picture. Thousands of children continue to experience barriers to health care created by distance, language, literacy, and culture.

In rural Minnesota, families often must travel an hour or more each way to a doctor's office. These long distances often prevent families with limited incomes and little access to transportation from obtaining preventive health care. Some families also go without needed care because parents hesitate to go places where they themselves cannot communicate, feel unwelcome, or believe they will be treated with disrespect.¹⁴ Unfortunately, these barriers result in pregnant women going without critically needed prenatal care and children going without immunizations and other needed preventive care. In the long run, the children may suffer from preventable health problems and society will pay for more expensive care and special education.

To assure universal health care access for children, Minnesota needs to develop a better geographic distribution of health care resources and ensure that clinics and hospitals break down other barriers, such as language and literacy.

Delaying childbearing

While a few adolescents may be prepared for the economic, emotional, and spiritual responsibilities of parenthood, most are not. They have not yet completed high school, have few, if any, work skills, and have not yet had a chance themselves to finish childhood. Also, few teenage girls are married at the time they give birth, which usually means their children start life with the economic and emotional support of only one parent. According to the Minnesota Department of Health's annual report, 80% of births to adolescents in 1991 were to unmarried mothers.¹⁵

Research indicates that a teenage girl's or boy's self-image, sense of place in the community, and social-economic status more strongly influence choices about early parenthood than any other factor. Those with adequate family incomes, high self-esteem, and a belief that adulthood will bring a satisfying career

A neighbor reported a family to Hennepin County Child Protection for neglect because the children spent every afternoon alone. It turned out that both parents were holding down full-time minimum wage jobs that didn't offer benefits, and they couldn't afford child care. After the report to Child Protection, the mother quit her job in order to be at home with the children. Without her earnings, however, the family went deeper in debt, and the mother had to return to work. Again, someone called Child Protection. This time, a Child Protection worker helped the family solve the problem by finding affordable child care.

and role in the community have a much easier time delaying childbearing than do teenagers whose life experience tells them that adulthood holds little or no promise.¹⁶

Communities, schools, government, families, and congregations all have roles to play in giving teens faith in themselves and their futures. Successful strategies employed in communities across the country include mentorships for children in grade school, junior high, and high school; special academic assistance for students who have trouble keeping up with their peers; informal connections between adults and kids at risk for early parenting; and youth community service.¹⁷ These actions build on the child's inner strengths and natural resilience, encourage thoughtful, informed choices, and have a positive effect on other aspects of living. Confidential family planning services should also be available for adolescents who plan to become, or are, sexually active.

No program builds self-esteem, however, as well as a solid education, a good job, and real hope for the future. When children see their parents in jobs that support the family, their self-esteem increases and they can begin to visualize a future for themselves. Public agencies and private businesses must work together to develop jobs that will support families and give children hope.

• Protection from violence and neglect

Minnesota KIDS COUNT found troubling signs of increasing violence and neglect in children's lives. The most obvious is that the number of children for whom neglect and abuse were substantiated rose by 31.8% between 1986 and 1991. The increasing violence of children's crimes is another indicator of trouble. Although the majority of their crimes continue to be property and status offenses, the proportion causing direct harm to people — crimes such as murder, robbery, assault, and rape — increased by 13.8% between 1987 and 1991.

The rising rate of school dropouts can be an indicator of violence and neglect in children's families, as well as the inability of education programs to meet children's needs. Between school years 1986-87 and 1991-92, Minnesota's overall school dropout rate rose by 25%, from 2.8% to 3.5%. The statewide average, however, hides the much higher rates experienced by certain groups of children. In 1991, 14.1% of African American students dropped out of school, as did 13% of American Indian students, and 11.3% of Hispanic students. Among "signs of trouble" only the number of children who died violently improved between the mid-1980s and the early 1990s.

Pilgrim Academy provides quality, low-cost child care and early education to families in the Summit-University neighborhood of St. Paul. Pilgrim Baptist Church, its home congregation, provides financial support. Members of Pilgrim Baptist formed and contributed to the "Hundred Dollar Club" to help with the original start-up costs. St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, where the program is housed, supports the Academy by reducing the rent.



School, community, and family must begin early in children's lives to work together protecting children from violence and neglect. To create a safe, nurturing environment for all children, Minnesota KIDS COUNT recommends:

- economic security;
- more comprehensive child care policies;
- programs for parents; and
- safer communities.

Economic security

Poverty does not cause child abuse. It does, however, increase stress and frustrations, which can lead to abuse. Poverty also plays an enormous role in the neglect of children. In their study, Wattenberg and Cassidy found that child neglect represented 45% of all substantiated cases of abuse and neglect in Minnesota between 1984 and 1990, and that the neglect was almost always a result of family poverty.¹⁸ During this same period, substantiated cases of neglect increased 56%.

An effective preventive strategy for reducing child neglect is to guarantee family economic security. As mentioned earlier, families without economic resources cannot provide basic necessities for their children. It is no solution simply to categorize these children as "neglected."

Comprehensive child care policies

Nurturing children takes time. Yet the majority of parents in Minnesota work outside the home (nearly all fathers and 72% of mothers of children under age 18) and must turn to others for care for their children. Quality child care and a variety of after-school programs for older children are needed. Family leave must be available for parents with newborn or ill children. Head Start must continue to expand in order to serve eligible children whose parents work outside the home.

Family leave and child care policies work together to nurture children. In Minnesota, new parents are entitled to at least six weeks of unpaid leave when they have a newborn or newly adopted child; parents working for large companies can also take leave to care for a sick child. However, low income parents cannot afford to take unpaid leave. Paid family leave should be available to families with very young children by linking subsidized child care with parental leave or extending the child care tax credit to parents who stay at home. The bill before the 1994 Minnesota Legislature to extend the child care tax credit to parents who decide to stay at home is a step in the right direction.

Head Start is a cost-effective pre-school program for children in low income families. The program prepares children for school and provides their families with a wide range of services, including

"The walks and talks we have with our children ... have a great deal to do with the values they will cherish as adults."

Edith F. Hunter, educator

Members of the Cass Lake/Walker League of Women Voters headed an 18-month community effort to build a playground for the children of Cass Lake. They raised funds and in-kind contributions; contracted with Robert Leathers Company of Ithaca, New York, for the design; and obtained permission from the school board to build on school property. The architect worked with local children during the design phase, then directed the construction which was done by volunteers. Called "Dreamcatcher Park," the park can now accommodate 200 children at a time (450 children are enrolled in the school).

parenting education. An additional \$66 million (in 1993 dollars) in state and/or federal funding would bring the current level of Head Start services to all eligible Minnesota children.

The single most important factor in ensuring quality child care is preventing turnover of child care workers. Yet child care teachers in Minnesota start at an average \$6.50/hour or \$13,520/year.¹⁹ Minnesota should continue to explore ways to increase child care worker wages, in order to both improve the quality of care for children and to create worthwhile jobs for parents.

Programs for parents

Proven, cost-effective measures for preventing violence to children include parent education, parent support groups, respite care, and home visits from trained community members. Through these strategies people with experiential wisdom as well as academic knowledge teach new parents what children need and how to handle the inevitable frustrations without resorting to violence. They also give parents who are stressed from unending responsibilities at home and on the job an opportunity to leave their children in safe hands for a few hours.

Safer communities

In addition to stable homes and families, children need safe and nurturing communities. Children do not feel safe now. A recent national poll of parents and children found that violent crime is the primary fear of a majority of children.²⁰

Public leaders, from President Clinton to local school principals, are expressing their increasing alarm at the level of violence in today's society. Nowhere can the devastating effects of that violence be seen more clearly than in the lives of our children — children murdered senselessly, children living with guns in their homes and communities, children killing other children, and children choosing suicide when they can no longer bear their pain.

There is no single key to stopping the violence in children's lives. But there are many changes that together will begin to turn the tide of violence. In addition to nurturing children from an early age, helping adults to be good parents and increasing economic security, Minnesotans should support gun control, reduce children's exposure to glamorized and graphic violence in the media, and teach mediation and conflict-resolution skills from an early age.

"This is what no one warns you about, when you decide to have children. There is so much written about the cost and the changes in your way of life, but no one ever tells you that what they are going to hand you in the hospital is power, whether you want it or not."

Anna Quindlen

• A closer look at ourselves

The trends revealed in this closer look at Minnesota's children are disheartening, but reversible. The power for change rests in our hands. How do we begin?

We begin with understanding children are full human beings placed in our care temporarily. They need us to walk with them, offering protection and guidance, as they grow toward adulthood.

Our call to action begins with the children in our own lives. We must accept responsibility for their care, be there when they need us, and put their needs before our own. We need to encourage and support them in difficult times and celebrate the good times. We must make sure we meet their needs, not use them to meet ours.

How we treat children molds how they value themselves and treat others. "If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn. If children live with hostility, they learn to fight...If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence. If children live with fairness, they learn justice." *

If we want our children to value justice, we must redistribute resources so families with children are not in poverty. If we want our young people to delay sexual activity and pregnancy, we must model responsible behavior as adults and reflect that behavior in television, movies, and music. If we want children to value peace, we must treat them non-violently and teach them to resolve conflict peacefully.

This responsibility does not end at our front doors. As adults, we are responsible for the well-being of all children in our community, our state, and our nation. It is our job to assure that children have first claim on our resources and attention. Children who find a responsive world, one that meets their basic needs for food, shelter, clothing, and nurturing, will experience trust and security and will imagine a future.

Often, what we see in our children mirrors the society adults form. As you look at the image of the children in your county, what do you see? Minnesota KIDS COUNT calls all of us to a new understanding of who children are and a renewed acceptance of responsibility for the children in our lives and communities.

* Adapted from Dorothy Law Nolte's poem in the July 1972 issue of *Baptist Leader*.



Minnesota Kids

Indicators of Risk

Children in poverty
Children in single parent families
Children dependent on AFDC
Children born to unmarried parents
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth
Children born to mothers under age 18
Children born to mothers with fewer than
12 years of education
Children abused and neglected
Children dropping out of school
Children's crimes against people
Children dying violently





Minnesota Counties



"We know this generation will not pass
this way again."

Bishop David W. Olson,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
Minneapolis Area Synod

4. INDICATORS OF RISK TO MINNESOTA'S CHILDREN

In order to take a closer look at children in communities across the state, Minnesota KIDS COUNT selected key indicators of child well-being. The indicators measure the risks children face in relation to what they need — economic security, strong birth circumstances, and protection from violence and neglect.

The majority of Minnesota's children are faring well: they are economically secure, begin life with the personal and family resources they need, and are growing up in safe environments. However, thousands of Minnesota's children do not have these basic underpinnings, and trends are moving in the wrong direction.

Minnesota KIDS COUNT chose three broad groups of indicators to show how well Minnesota children are doing.

"Family Economics" shows the extent to which children are at risk because their families are unable to provide for their basic needs. Three indicators are included in this grouping:

- children living in poverty
- children living in single parent families
- children dependent on AFDC

"Birth Circumstances" includes factors present when a child is born that indicate whether the child is likely to be poor or suffer serious health problems. Four indicators are included in this grouping:

- children born to unmarried parents
- birthweight less than 5.5 pounds
- children born to mothers who are less than age 18
- children born to mothers who have fewer than 12 years education

"Signs of Trouble" provides a measure of the level of violence in children's lives. Four indicators are included in this grouping:

- substantiated child abuse and neglect
- school dropout
- crimes against people committed by children
- child suicides, homicides, and other violent deaths

Personal resilience, a supportive family and linkages to community resources make a critical difference, doing much to alleviate the effects of poverty, abuse, and lack of a formal education.

Few of these indicators stand alone in a child's life. Rather, they tend to be inter-related and connected to poverty. For instance, a teenage mother is more likely than not to be single, have fewer than 12 years of education and be poor, which puts her child at high risk for low birthweight and therefore more susceptible to severe illness, disabilities, and difficulty learning. One in 12 new families in Minnesota in 1990 was headed by an unmarried teen mother who had not finished high school. When these factors — lack of education, mother under age 18, and parents who are not married — occur in combination, children are at great risk for long term poverty and family instability.

While Minnesotans must be concerned about risks to children, indicators should never be read as *determinants* of children's futures. Personal resilience, supportive family and friends, and linkages to community resources make a critical difference, doing much to alleviate the effects of poverty, abuse, and lack of a formal education. Conversely, the absence of any obvious risk indicators in a child's life should not be read as a certain "all clear" sign. Children born into material comfort and stable families are also subject to illness, isolation, developmental problems, violence, and early parenthood.

How to Read the Tables

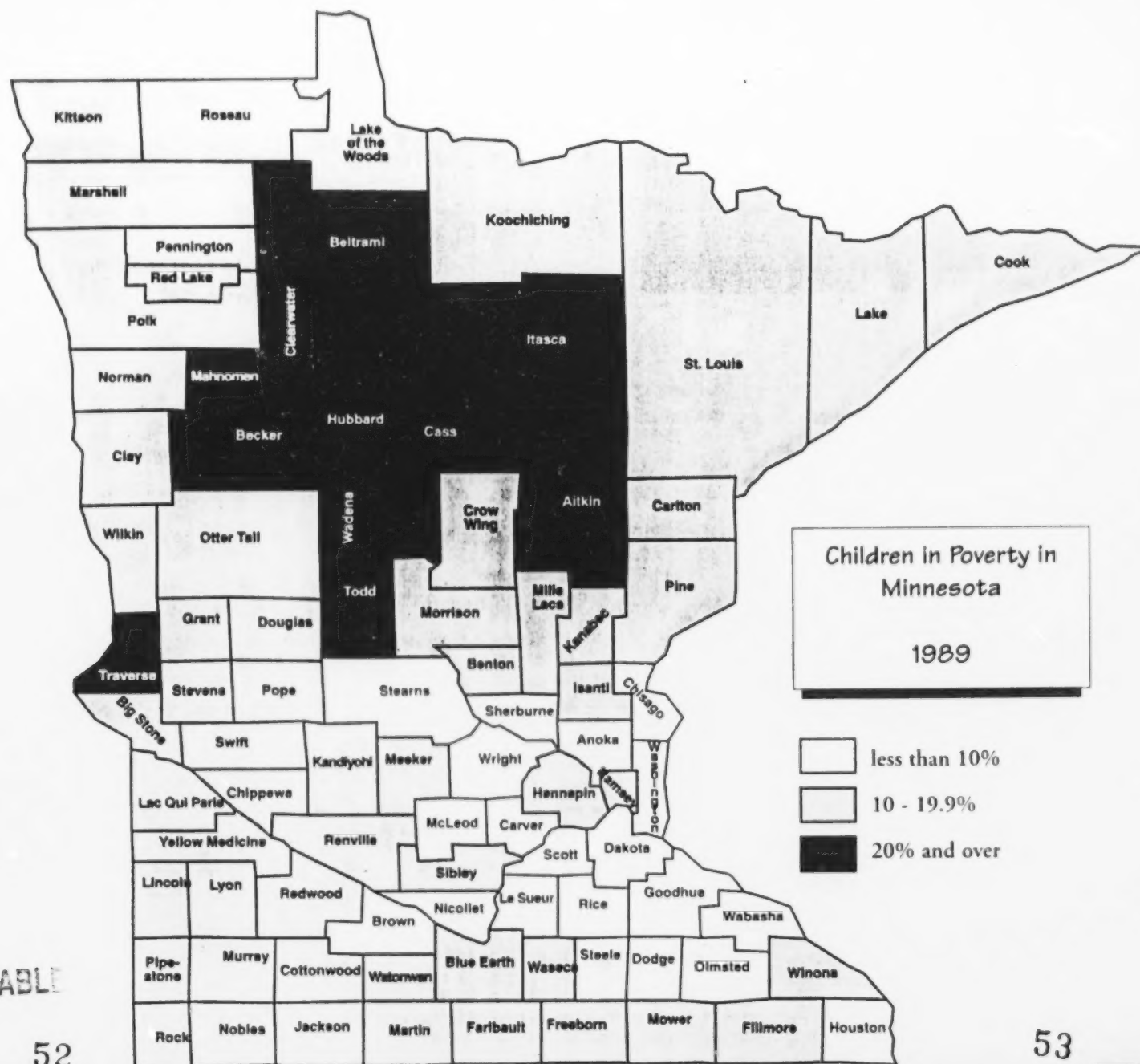
The following tables, one for each indicator, present data for a base year and for the most recent year for which complete county-by-county data are available. The tables also show the percent change between the base and current years.

Data concerning population, poverty and single parent households are from the 1980 and 1990 censuses. The Minnesota Department of Education provided data for calculating school dropout rates in school years 1986-87 and 1991-92. The Supreme Court of Minnesota provided data on child crime for the years 1987 and 1991. The Minnesota Departments of Health and Human Services provided the data for all other indicators using 1986 as the base year and 1991 as the current year.

Minnesota KIDS COUNT presents most data for the base and current years in percentage form, in order to show the relative magnitude of the problem for children. The exceptions are child abuse and child death by violence. Because the whole numbers are small in comparison to the total child population, the percentages look tiny and could therefore be interpreted as insignificant. Where violence is concerned, however, any number above zero spells a significant risk to children. For this reason, the tables use whole numbers for child abuse and neglect and child death by violence.

The percent change between the base year and the current year indicates whether children's lives are getting better or worse over time. It is the key to beginning to understand how well communities are caring for children.

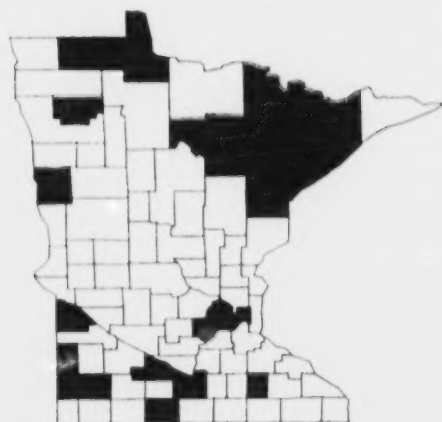
The percent change between the base year and the current year indicates whether children's lives are getting better or worse over time.



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Children in Poverty

County Changes for this Indicator



10 BEST

Lake of the Woods
Lincoln
Roseau
Pipestone
Murray
Red Lake
Dodge
Las Qui Parle
Brown
Carver

10 WORST

Lake
St. Louis
Itasca
Clay
Ramsey
Carlton
Pennington
Hennepin
Martin
Blue Earth

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Statewide Statistics

	1980 Census	1990 Census	% Change
Children under age 18*	1,156,539	1,146,790	-0.8%
Children living in poverty			
Number	117,967	142,202	+20.5%
Proportion	10.2%	12.4%	+21.6%
Median family income for all families with children	\$22,213	\$39,939	+79.8%

(Income figures not converted to constant dollars)

*Poverty is calculated for all children except those living in institutions, military barracks, college dormitories, and (if under age 15) in homes of non-relatives.

Changed
for the
Better

State
Change
21.6%

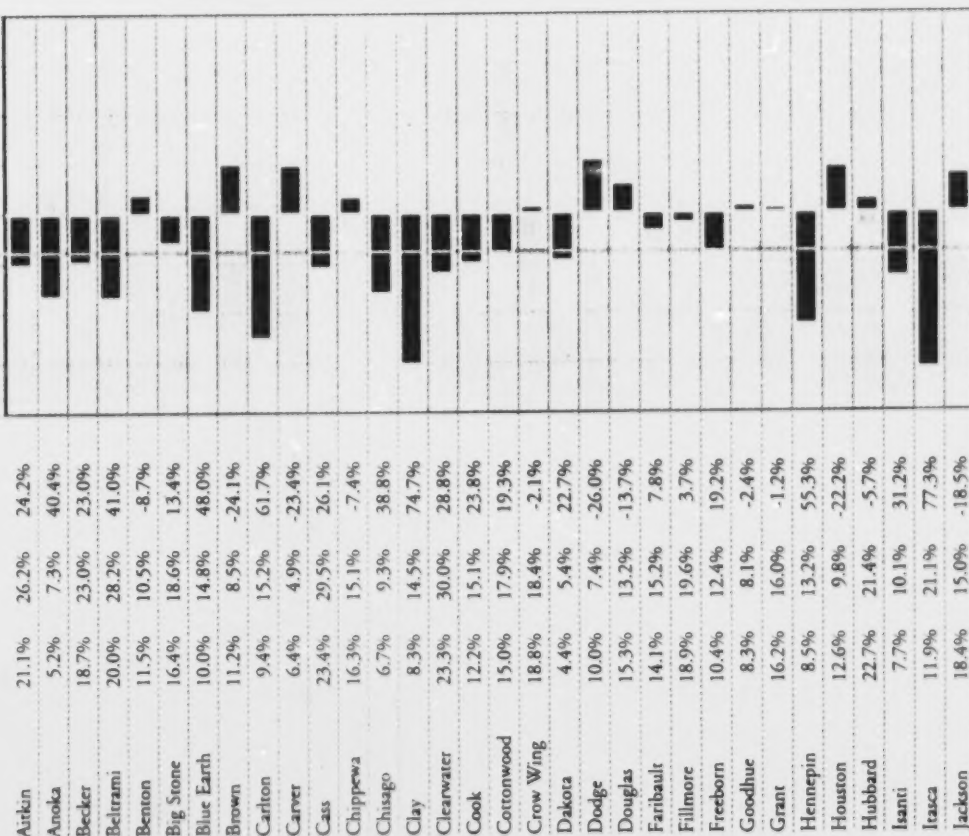
Changed
for the
Worse

County Change

1990 Census

1980 Census

County



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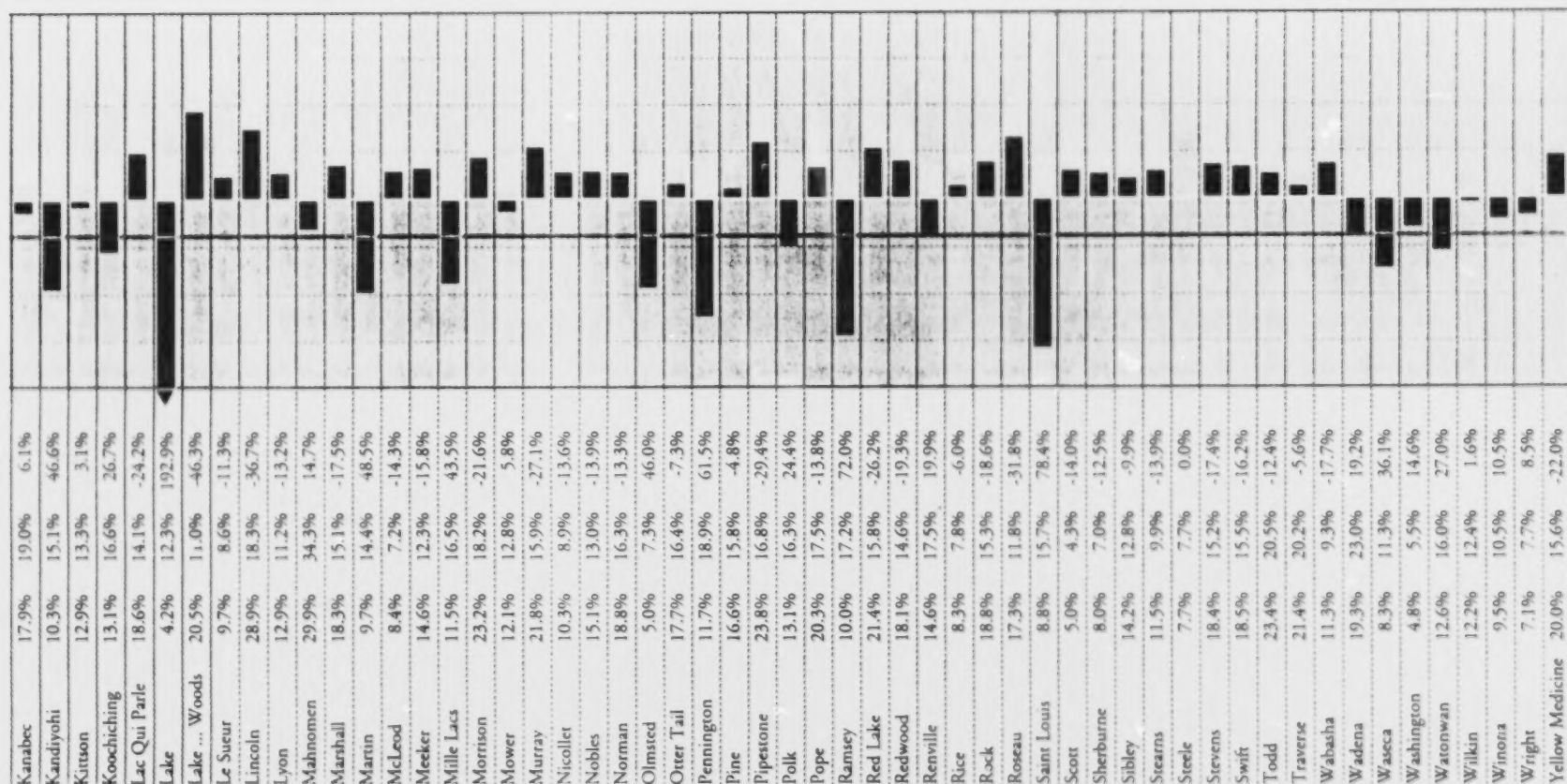
Children living in poverty are at high risk for malnutrition, hunger, cold, poor housing, frequent moves that interrupt family stability and schooling, and high levels of personal and family stress. These problems can interfere with intellectual, physical and emotional development and therefore cause long-term devastation to a child's journey toward adulthood.

Minnesota KIDS COUNT uses the federal poverty line to measure the number of children who are poor. Some poor children must rely

primarily on AFDC, while others live on the incomes of parents earning minimal wages. The poverty guidelines are so low, however, that thousands of children living above the poverty line are also at risk.

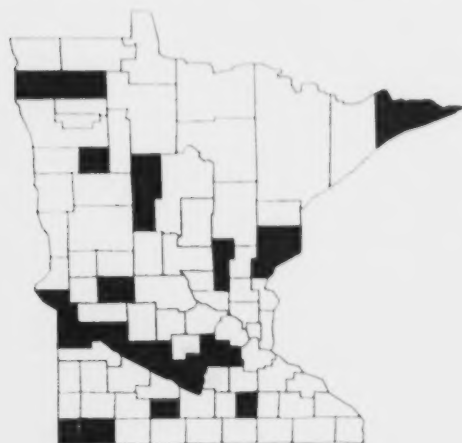
Children in Minnesota are getting poorer. According to the 1990 Census, 12.4% of children (142,202) under age 18 were living in poverty in 1989, a 21.6% increase over the 1979 level. Forty-two counties showed increases ranging from 1.6% to 192.9%, 44 showed

decreases, and one no change. The counties with the highest rates of poverty in 1989 form a cluster in the north central part of the state, and those with lowest form a ring around Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, center of the state's largest metropolitan area (see map on page 19).



Children in Single Parent Households

County Changes for this Indicator



TEN BEST

Carver
Lac Qui Parle
Pine
Nobles
Cook
Scott
Hubbard
Big Stone
Steele
Nicollet

TEN WORST

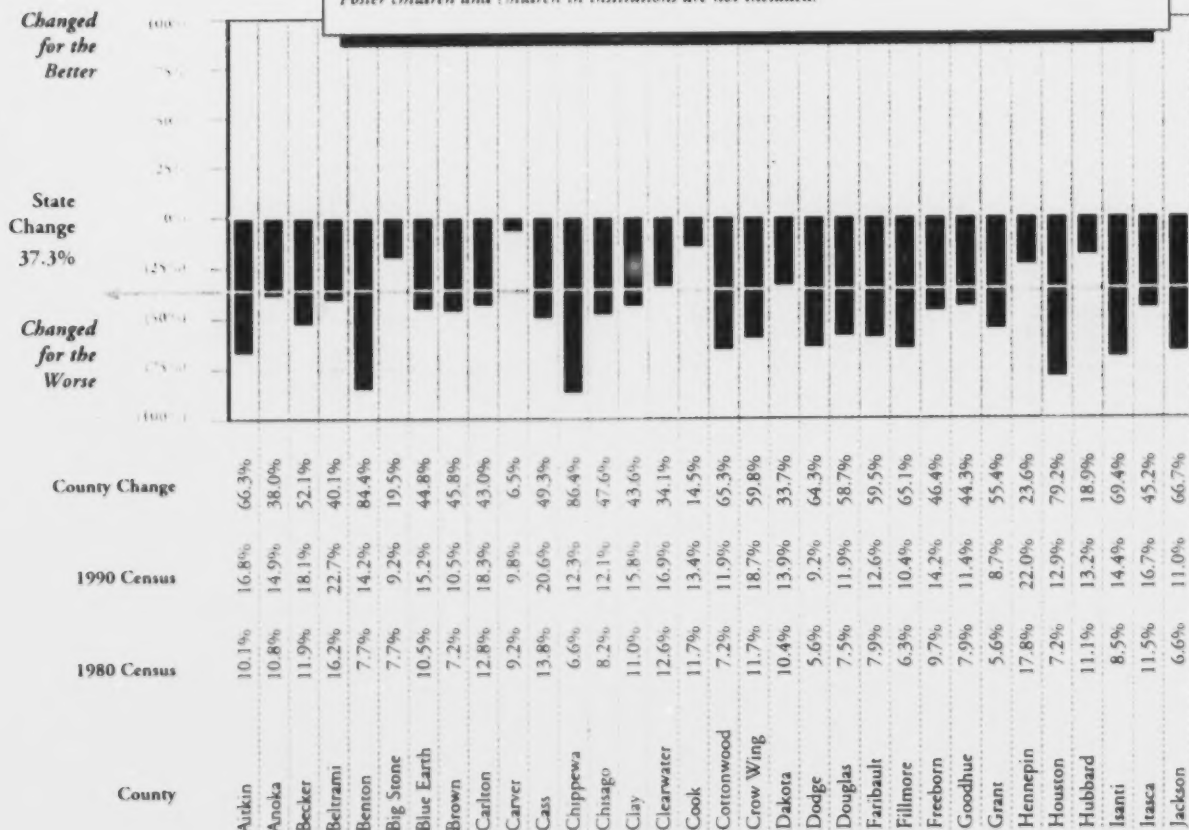
Marshall
Watonwan
Wadena
Mahnommen
Mille Lacs
Renville
Sibley
Pope
Rock
Chippewa

Statewide Statistics

	1980 Census	1990 Census	% Change
Children under age 18*	1,133,632	1,120,669	-1.1%
Children living in single parent families:			
Number	133,396	181,788	+36.3%
Proportion	11.8%	16.2%	+37.3%
Median income by family type			
Single mother family	\$10,408	\$16,932	+62.7%
Single father family	\$17,519	\$29,046	+65.8%
Married couple family	\$23,141	\$39,895	+72.4%

(Income figures not converted to constant dollars)

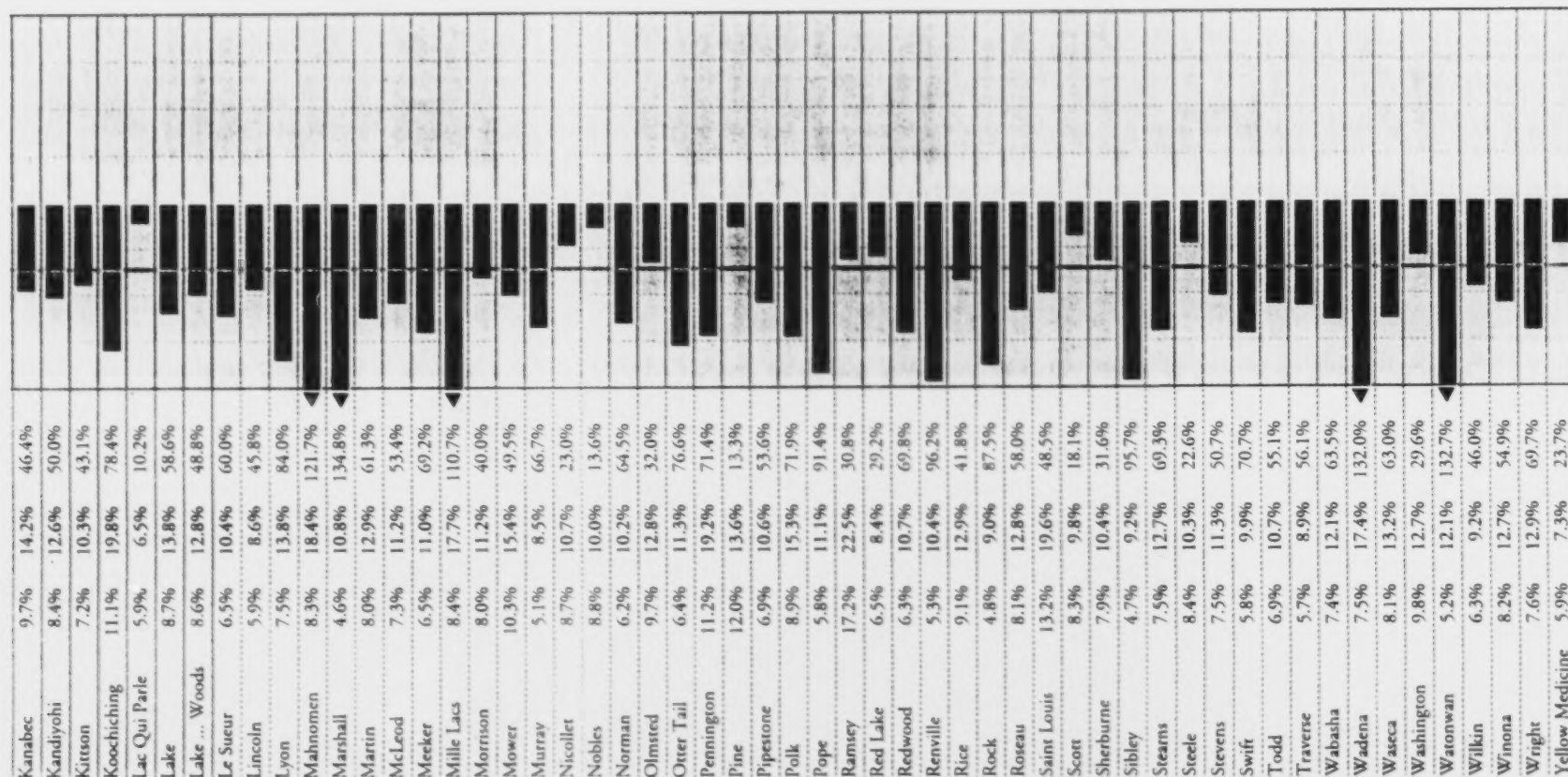
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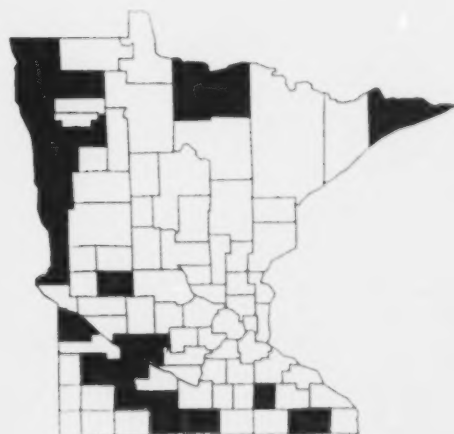
In Minnesota, children living in single parent households are seven times more likely to live in poverty than are other children. Nearly 83% of children in single parent families live with their mothers, 17% with their fathers. In 1990, families headed by single mothers had a median income of \$16,932, families headed by single fathers a median income of \$29,046. In contrast, families headed by married couples had a median income of \$39,895. Whether poor or not, a single parent has the added stress of having to do the work of two — at home, at school and in the community.

Between 1980 and 1990 the proportion of children living in single parent families increased in every county. Carver County saw the smallest increase (6.5%) and Marshall County the greatest (134.8%). Statewide the rate of children living in single parent families rose by more than a third, from 11.8% to 16.2%. This meant that, by 1990, 181,788 children were living in homes with only one parent.



Children Dependent on AFDC

County Changes for this Indicator



TEN BEST

Watsonwan
Cook
Fillmore
Redwood
Pope
Kittson
Lac Qui Parle
Koochiching
Lyon
Dodge

TEN WORST

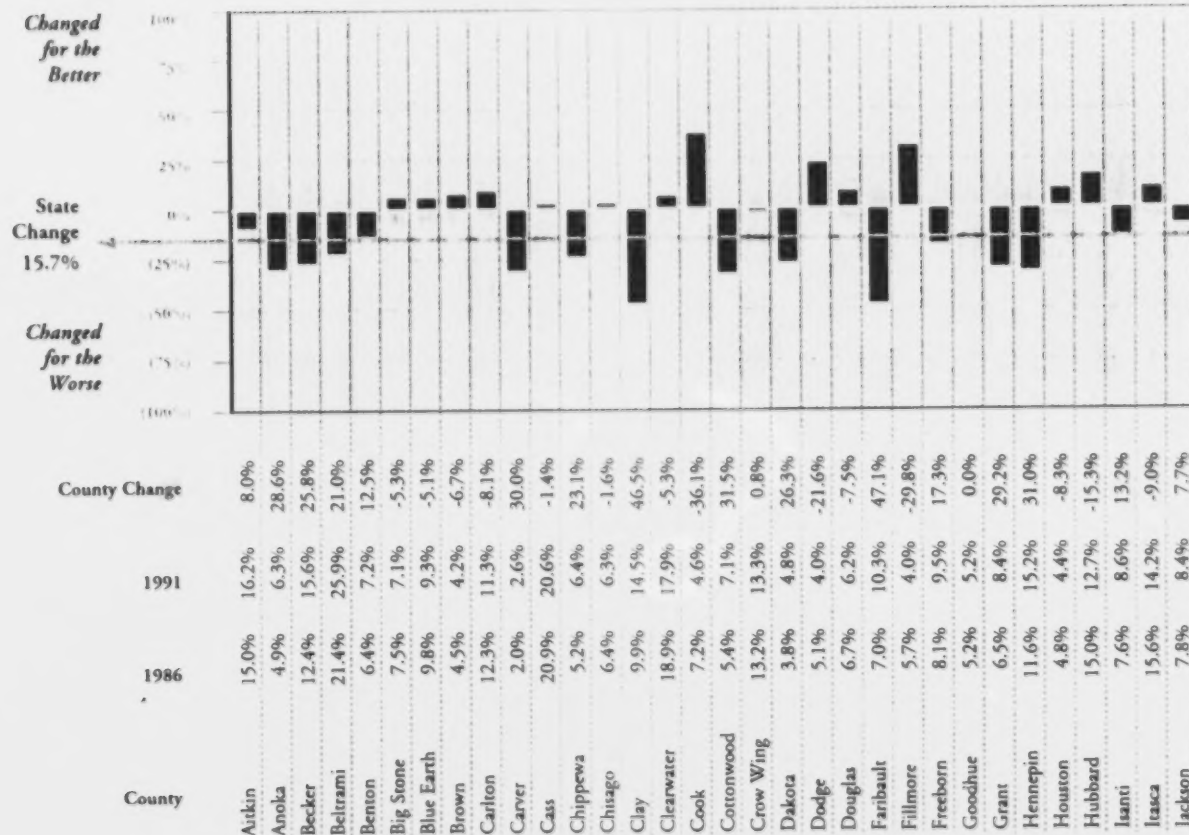
Wilkin
Renville
Traverse
Norman
Polk
Faribault
Clay
Martin
Marshall
Cottonwood

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Statewide Statistics

	1986	1991	% Change
Children under age 18*	1,125,854	1,119,373	-.6%
Children dependent on AFDC			
Number	99,669	115,512	+15.9%
Proportion	8.9%	10.3%	+15.7%
AFDC monthly grant			
One child and one parent	\$437	\$437	no change
Two children and one parent	\$532	\$532	no change

*Children include sons or daughters by birth, stepchildren, or adopted children of the householder. Foster children and children in institutions are not included.

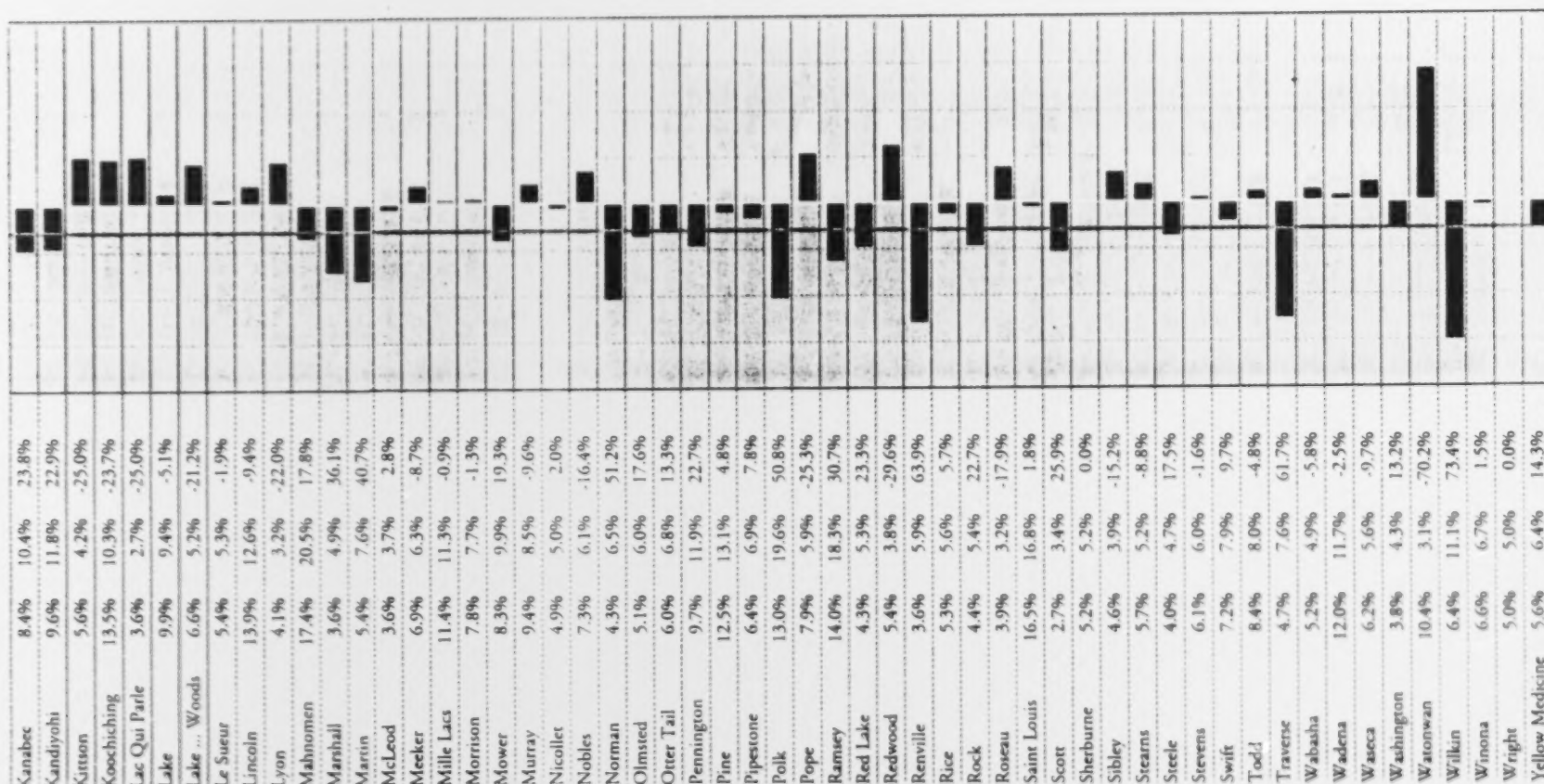


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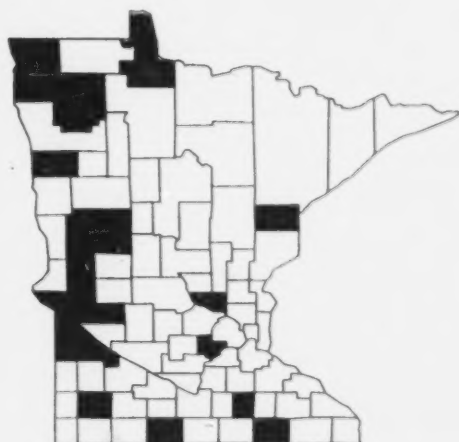
Children dependent on AFDC are the poorest of poor children. In 1993, Minnesota's AFDC grant, combined with the value of food stamps, was equal to only 75% of the poverty level. This extreme poverty puts children at very high risk for hunger, malnutrition, unsafe housing and debilitating illness, which in turn make it extremely difficult for children to succeed in school and other areas of life.

Statewide, the number of children relying on AFDC rose 15.7% between 1986 and 1991. The percent of children receiving AFDC rose in 46 counties, remained the same in three counties and decreased in 38 counties.



Children Born to Unmarried Parents

County Changes for this Indicator



TEN BEST

Red Lake
Grant
Kittson
Carlton
Carver
Murray
Swift
Steele
Sherburne
Lac Qui Parle

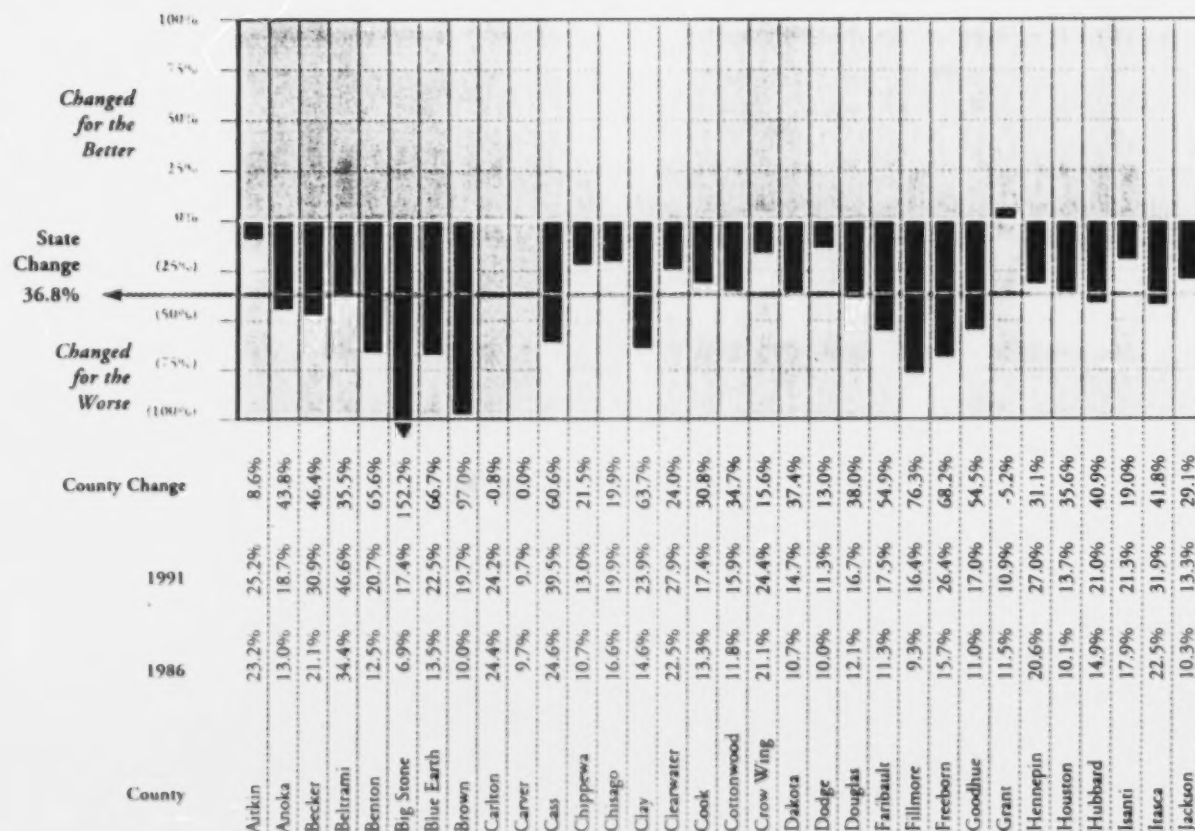
TEN WORST

Yellow Medicine
Lake of the Woods
Martin
Marshall
Big Stone
Norman
Otter Tail
Mower
Pennington
Stevens

Statewide Statistics

	1986	1991	% Change
Children born	65,766	67,037	+1.9%
Children born to unmarried parents			
Number	10,720	14,949	+39.4%
Proportion	16.3%	22.3%	+36.8%

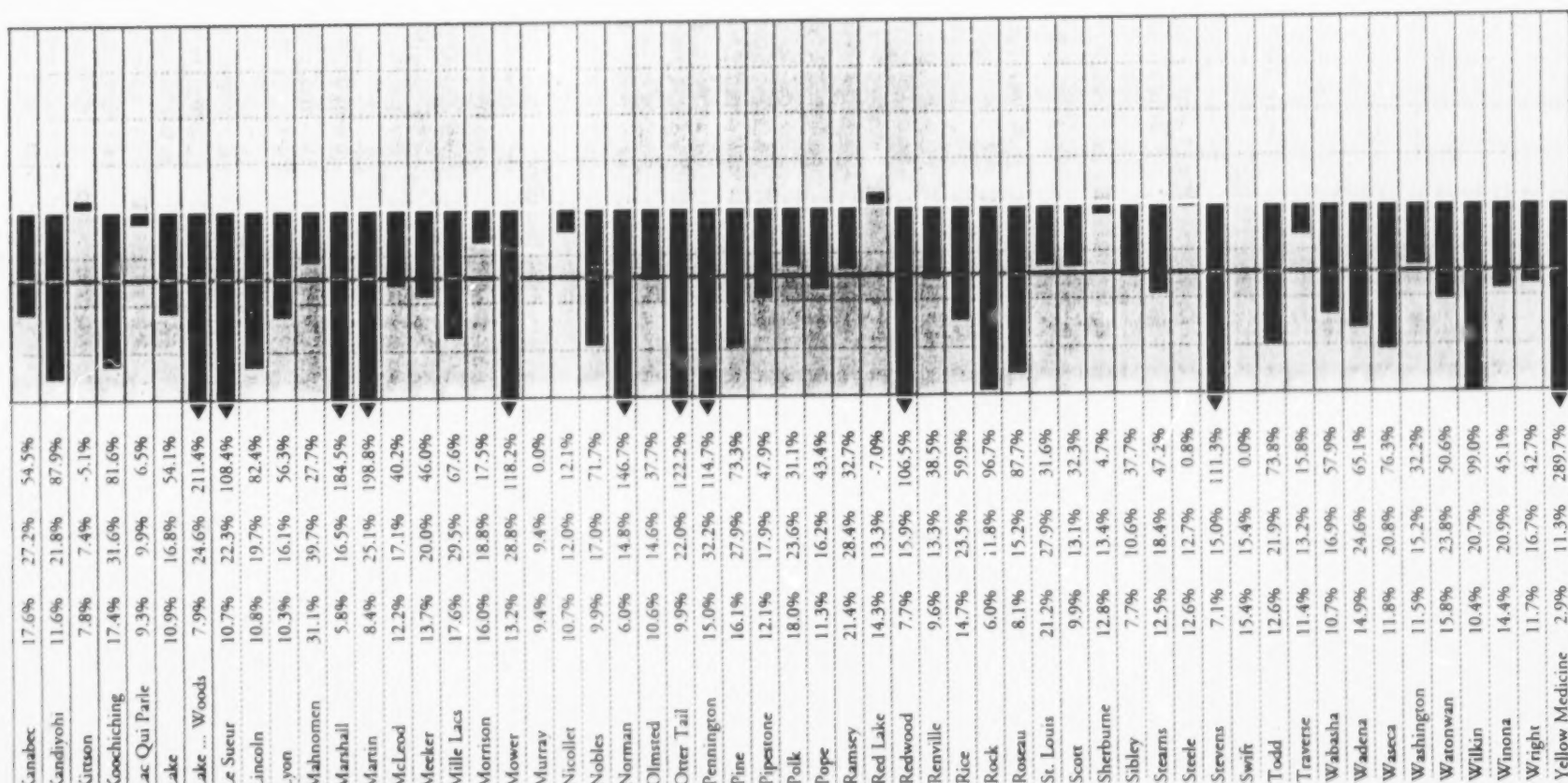
Paternity has been determined for only 54% of the children in Minnesota's child support system. The remaining 46% of children have no legal claim to financial and other support from their fathers.



Indicator Description

Most children born to unmarried parents live out their childhoods in poverty and suffer its long-term consequences. Children born to unmarried parents are less likely than children of divorced parents to receive child support (18% as opposed to 61%). The primary reason for this wide disparity is that only 54% of children of unmarried parents are known to have legal relationships with their fathers. Without clearly established paternity, judges cannot order child support.

In Minnesota, the percent of children born to unmarried parents rose 36.8% between 1986 and 1991. While four counties saw modest reductions, and three no change, the remaining 80 experienced increases ranging from a low of .8% to a high of 289.7%. Twelve counties saw a rate of change exceeding 100% between 1986 and 1991: Yellow Medicine, Lake of the Woods, Martin, Marshall, Big Stone, Norman, Otter Tail, Mower, Pennington, Stevens, LeSueur, and Redwood.

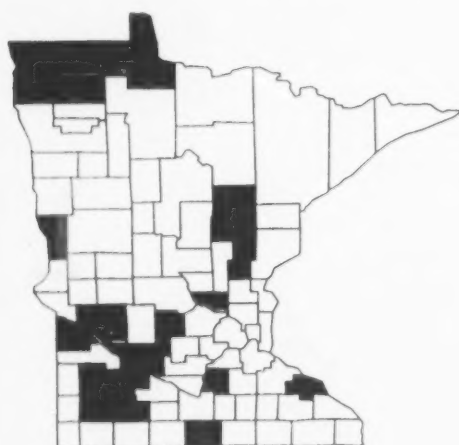


Children Weighing Less Than 5.5 lbs at Birth

Statewide Statistics

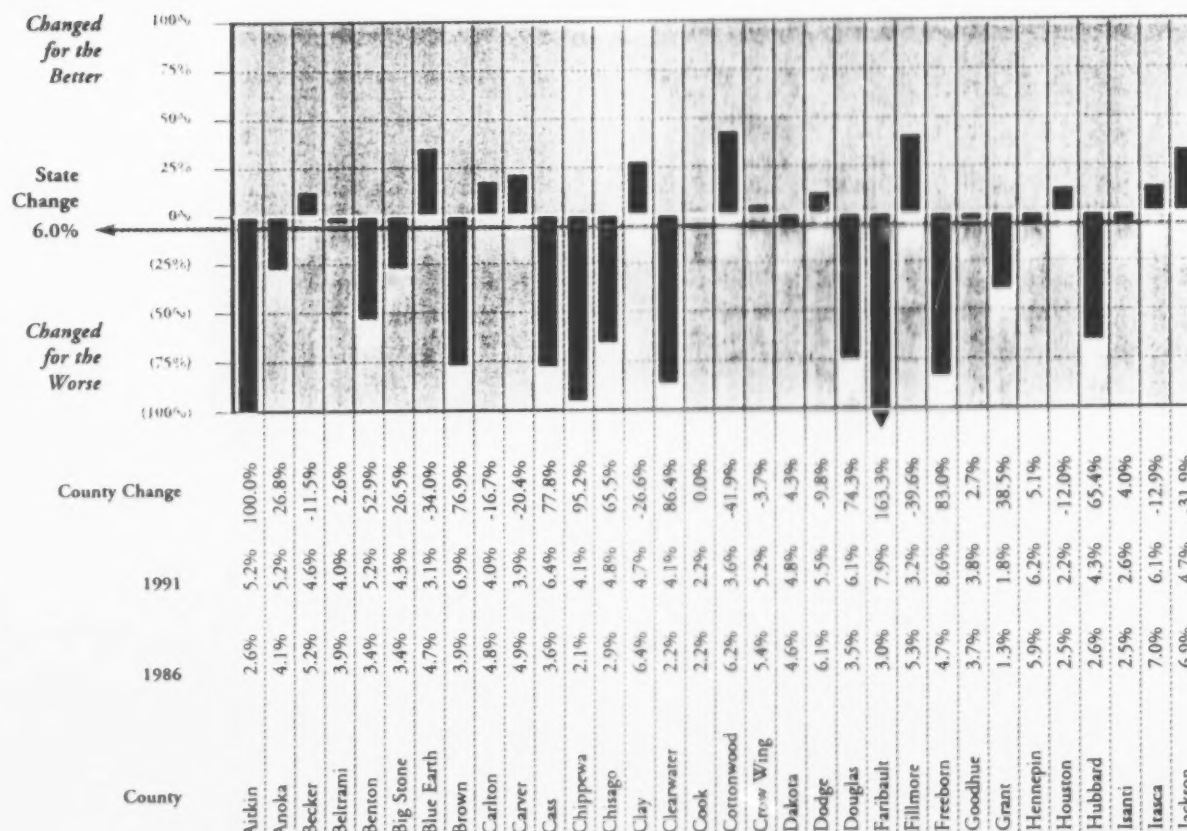
	1986	1991	% Change
Children born	65,766	67,037	+1.9%
Children born weighing less than 5.5 lbs.			
Number	3,288	3,553	+8.1%
Proportion	5.0%	5.3%	+6.0%

County Changes for this Indicator



TEN BEST
Lac Qui Parle
Lyon
Renville
Kittson
Murray
Meeker
Redwood
Swift
Cottonwood
Wabasha

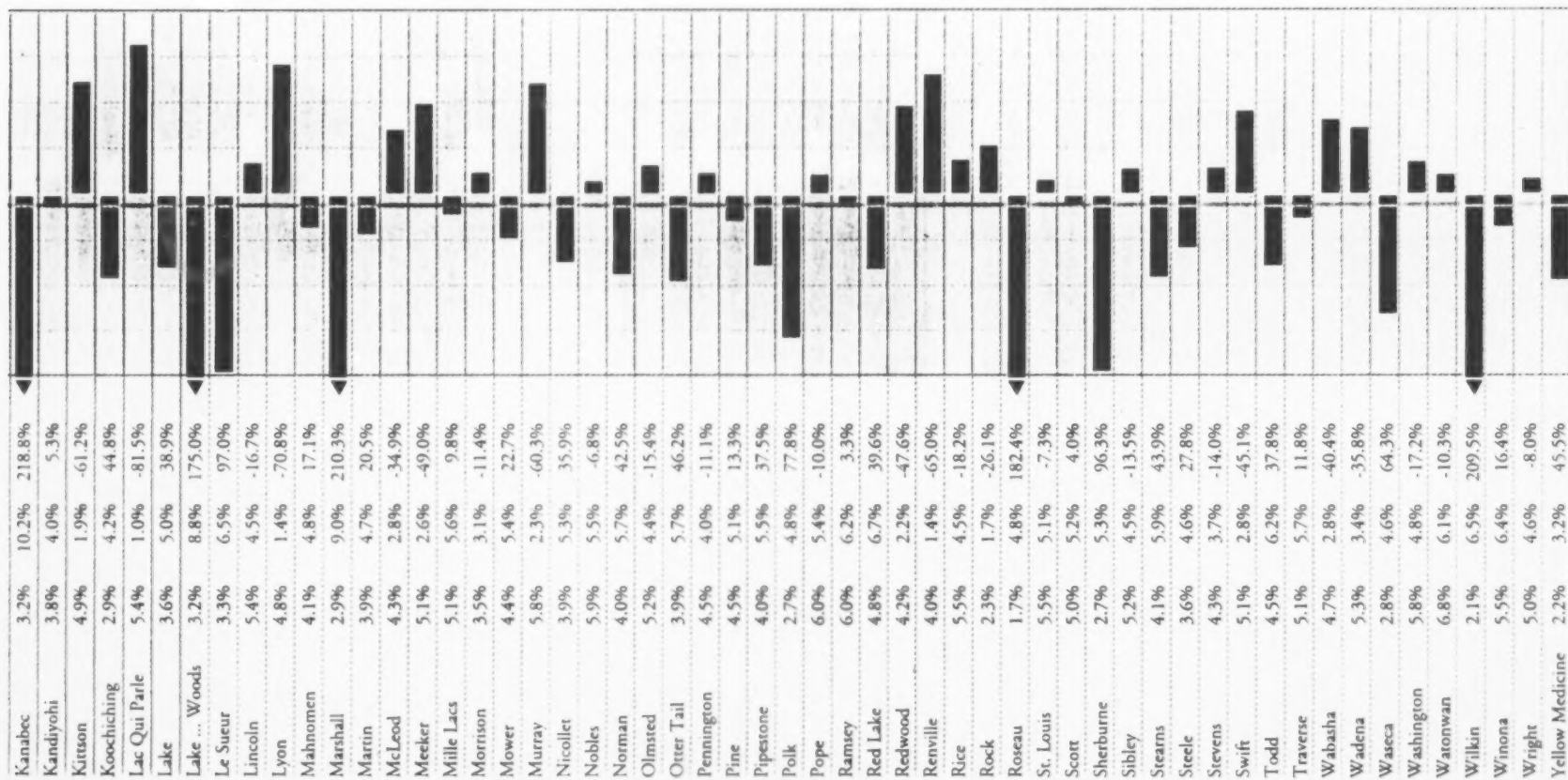
TEN WORST
Kanabec
Marshall
Wilkin
Roseau
Lake of the Woods
Faribault
Aitkin
Le Sueur
Sherburne
Chippewa



Indicator Description

Infants weighing less than 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds at birth are 40 times more likely to die during the first month of life than are those with higher weights. Low birthweight babies who do survive are three times more likely to experience serious health and developmental problems than are other children. A woman who is poor, receives inadequate nutrition during pregnancy, is younger than 18 or has less than 12 years of education is at higher risk than other mothers for giving birth to an underweight baby. Smoking during pregnancy, drug and alcohol use also contribute to low birthweight.

In 1986, Minnesota reached the United States' Year 2000 goal for low birthweight babies — no more than 5% — but by 1991 was losing ground as the proportion grew to 5.3%. While the statewide change is small, increases occurred in 49 counties, and in seven — Aitken, Faribault, Kanabec, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Roseau, and Wilkin — the rate of change between the two years was 100% or more.

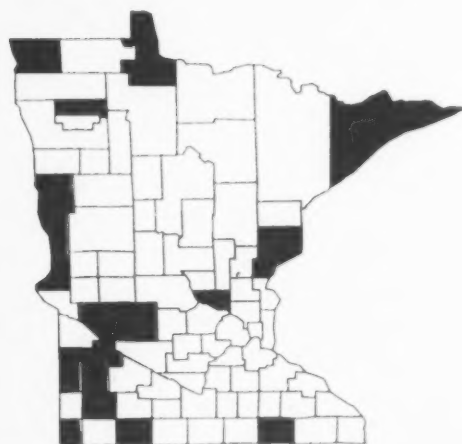


Children Born to Mothers Under Age 18

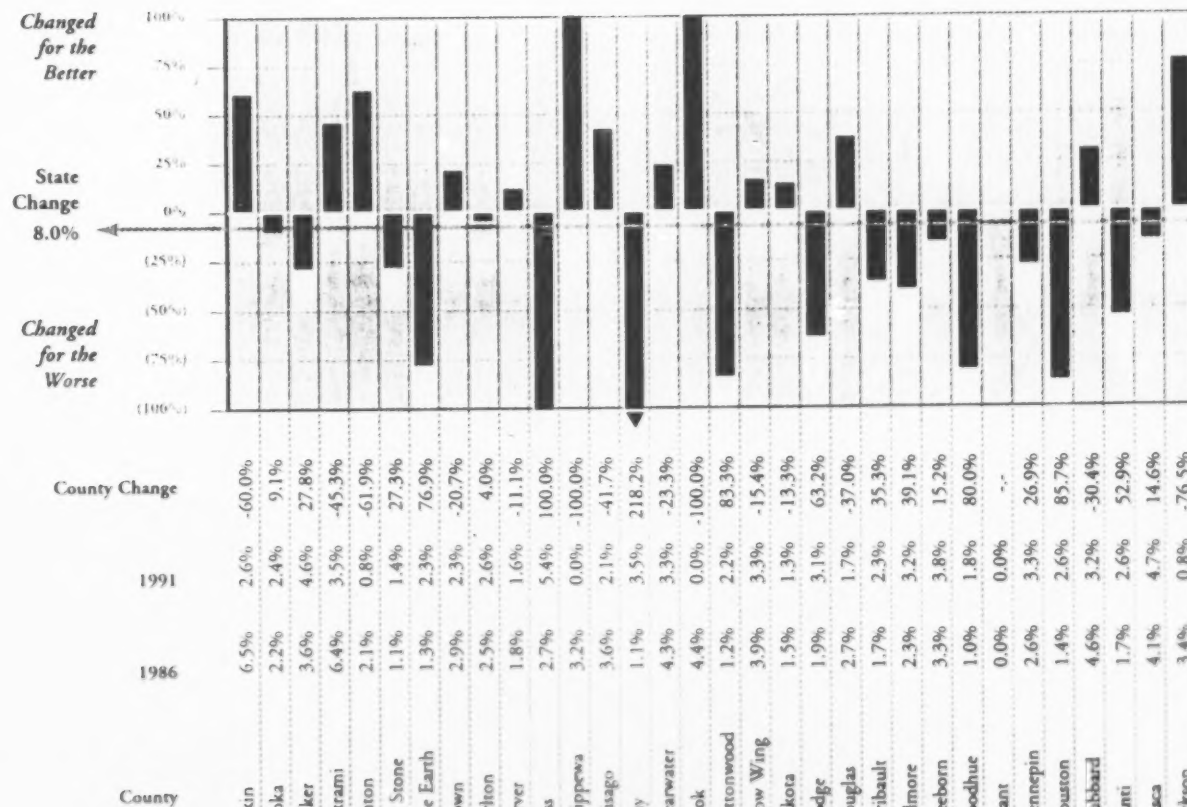
Statewide Statistics

	1986	1991	% Change
Children born	65,766	67,037	+1.9%
Children born to mothers under age 18			
Number	1,644	1,810	+10.1%
Proportion	2.5%	2.7%	+8.0%

County Changes for this Indicator



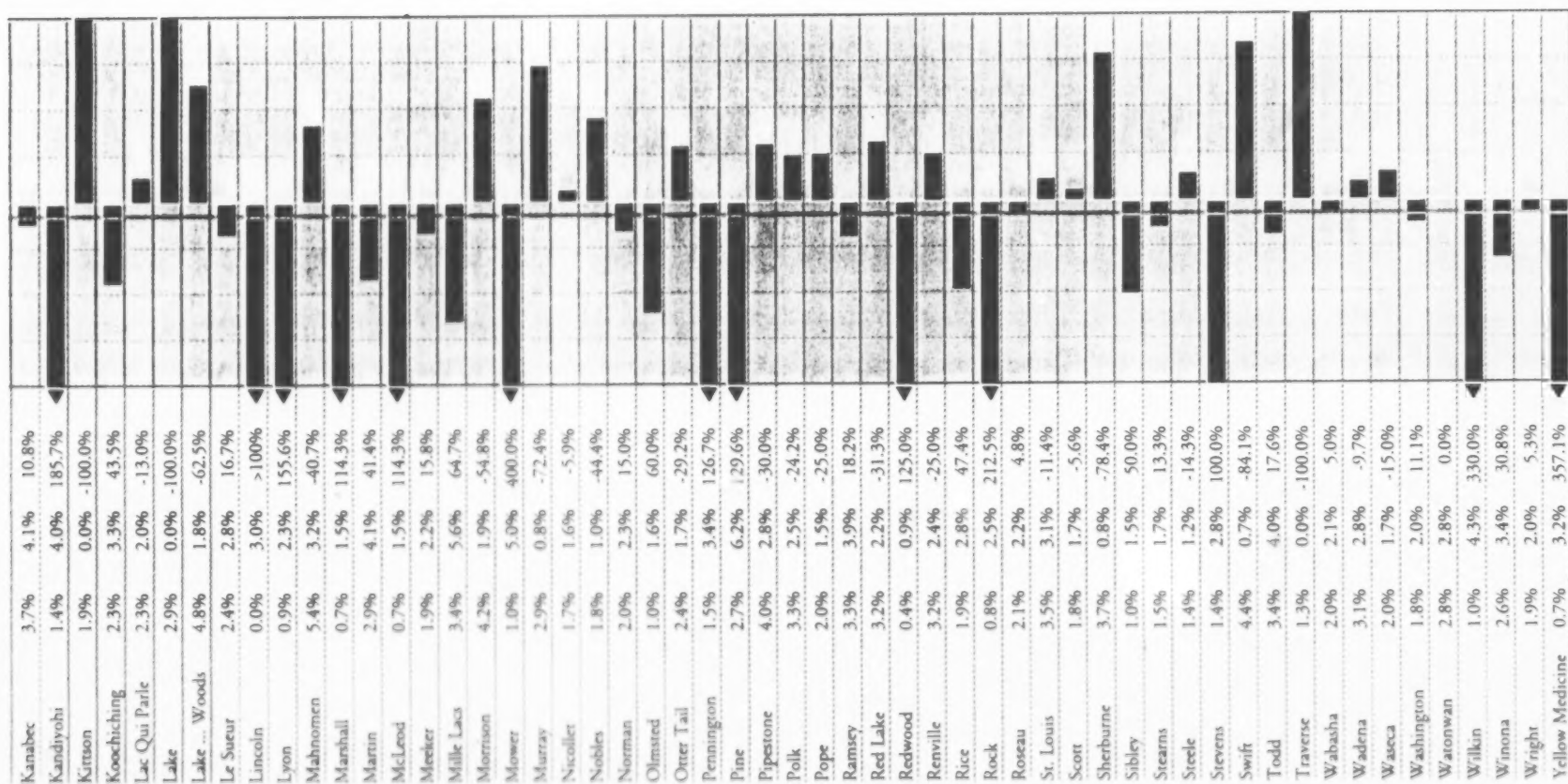
TEN BEST	TEN WORST
Chippewa	Lincoln
Cook	Mower
Kittson	Yellow Medicine
Lake	Wilkin
Traverse	Clay
Swift	Rock
Sherburne	Kandiyohi
Jackson	Lyon
Murray	Pine
Lake of the Woods	Pennington



Indicator Description

Children born to mothers who are under age 18 are at high risk for living in poverty most of their lives. They are also at high risk for having low birthweight and for failing in school. Teen mothers are less likely to finish high school than are other girls. This in turn limits their job prospects and ability to earn enough to support their children independently. Teen mothers are more likely to be single than older mothers and, when they do marry, are more likely to separate and divorce.

In Minnesota, births to mothers under age 18 grew 8% between 1986 and 1991. Forty-eight counties saw measurable increases ranging from a low of 4% in Carlton County to a high of 400% in Mower County. The rate increased by over 100% in 13 counties. The proportion went down in 37 counties. Five in this group saw decreases of 100% — Chippewa, Cook, Kittson, Lake and Traverse.

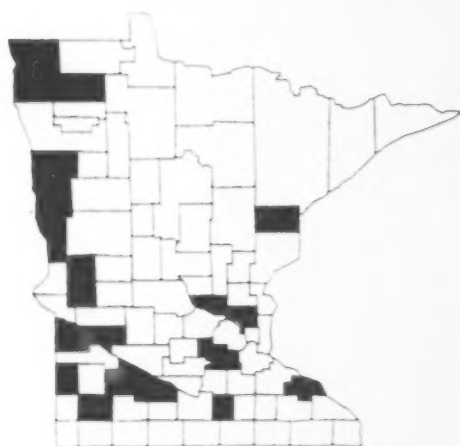


Children Born to Mothers with Fewer Than 12 Years of Education

Statewide Statistics

	1986	1991	% Change
Children born	65,766	67,037	+1.9%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years education			
Number	5,853	6,704	+14.5%
Proportion	8.9%	10.0%	+12.4%

County Changes for this Indicator

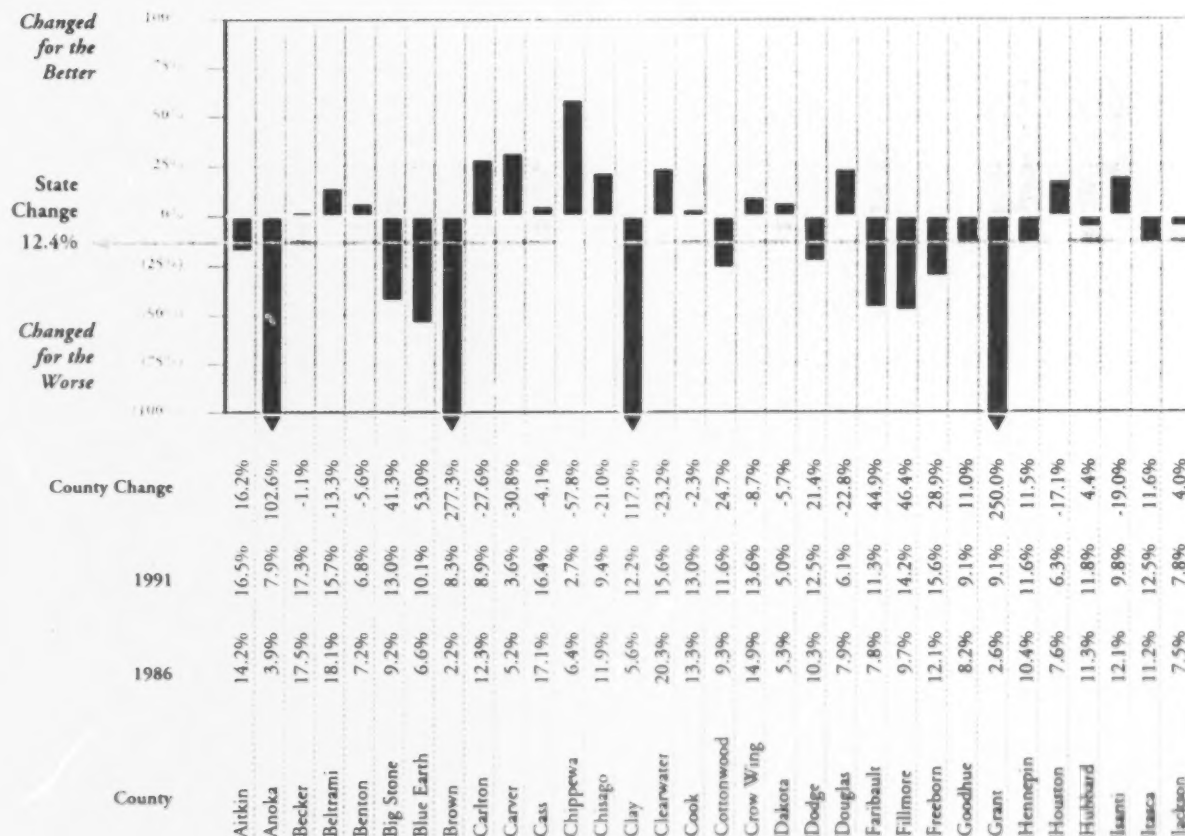


TEN BEST

Kittson
Chippewa
Murray
Lincoln
Wabasha
Waseca
Sherburne
Carver
Scott
Carlton

TEN WORST

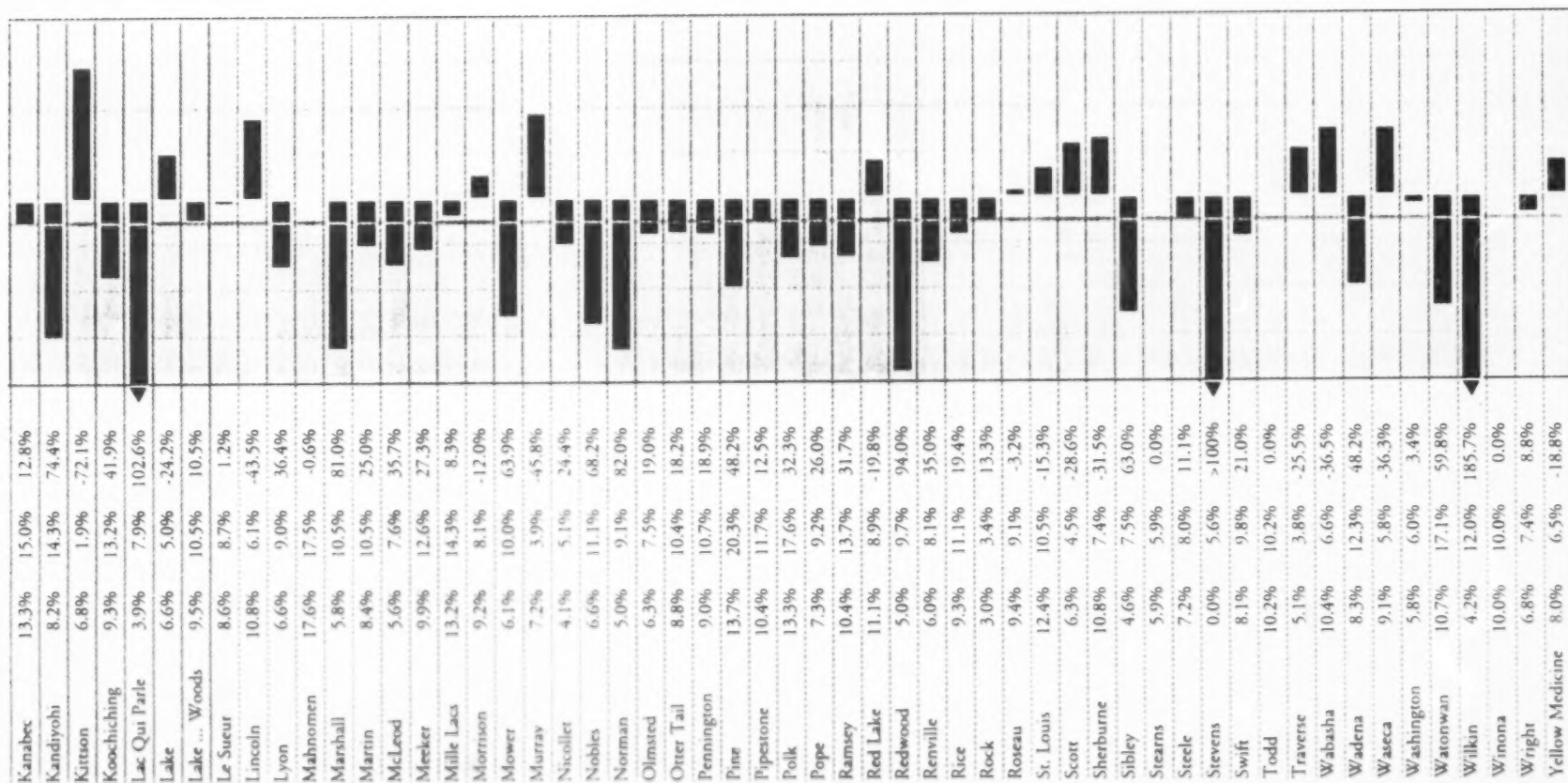
Stevens
Brown
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Lac Qui Parle
Anoka
Redwood
Norman
Marshall



**Indicator
Description**

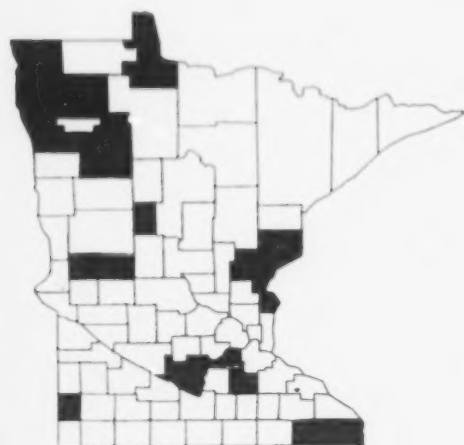
Children born to mothers who have less than a high school education face the risk of poverty at birth and throughout childhood. Without a high school diploma, these mothers face limited job and wage opportunities. Their children also are at higher risk than other children for not doing well in school, for dropping out and for themselves becoming parents at an early age.

The number of children born to women who had not yet completed 12 years of school rose in Minnesota by 12.4% between 1986 and 1991. The percent went up in 54 counties, down in 30 and stayed the same in three. Seven counties experienced a proportional increase of more than 100% between 1986 and 1991 — Anoka, Brown, Clay, Grant, Lac Qui Parle, Stevens, and Wilkin.



Children Abused and Neglected

County Changes for this Indicator



TEN BEST

Grant
Kittson
Rice
Marshall
Kanabec
Houston
Pennington
Lake of the Woods
Pipestone
Pine

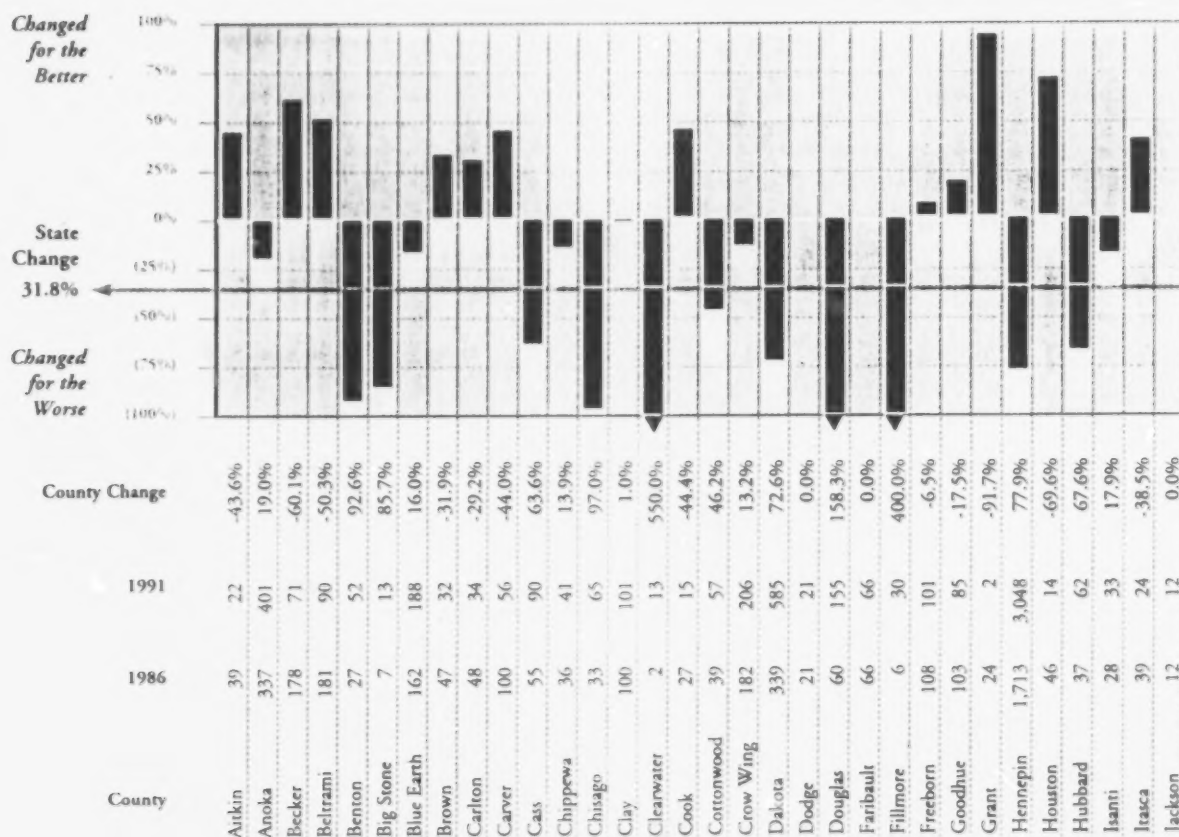
TEN WORST

Mahnomen
Clearwater
Fillmore
Nicollet
Sibley
Scott
Douglas
Polk
Wadena
Chisago

Statewide Statistics

	1986	1991	% Change
Children under age 18	1,170,426	1,167,280	-.3%
Children for whom abuse or neglect substantiated	7,760	10,224	+31.8%
Incidents by type*			
Neglect	3,616	5,612	+55.2%
Physical	3,031	4,040	+33.3%
Sexual	1,717	1,273	-25.9%
Emotional	677	457	-32.5%

* More than one type of abuse can be confirmed for the same child; therefore the number of children for whom abuse and neglect are substantiated is smaller than the total number of incidents.



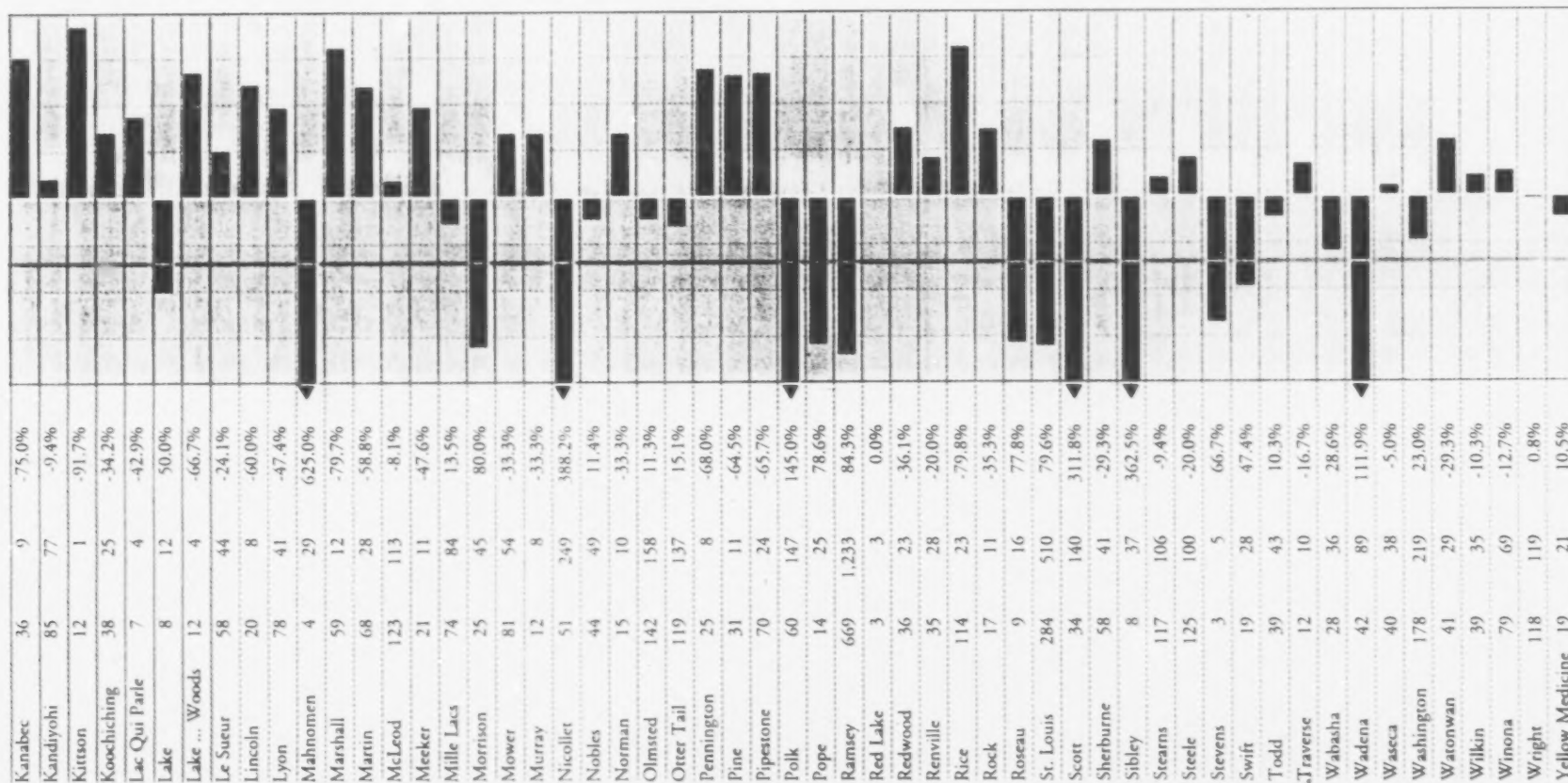
Indicator Description

Children suffering physical and sexual abuse are at higher risk for failure in school, truancy and juvenile delinquency than are other children. In fact, they are far more likely to repeat the cycle and become perpetrators of violence themselves. Surveys of Minnesota high school students in 1989 and 1991 found that "family violence is roughly two and a half times more prevalent in the homes of adolescents in corrections/detention centers than in the homes of students in regular schools."

The number of confirmed cases of neglect rose much faster between 1984 and 1990, than did cases of physical or sexual abuse. Many researchers believe this is directly correlated with the increase in poverty among families with children and the declining value of AFDC and other governmental assistance.

The number of children for whom abuse and neglect was confirmed grew dramatically between 1986 and 1991 in Minnesota, from 7,760 to 10,224, a 31.8% increase.

Substantiated abuse and neglect increased in 40 counties, decreased in 43, and did not change in four. In nine the rate of increase between the two years was more than 100%.

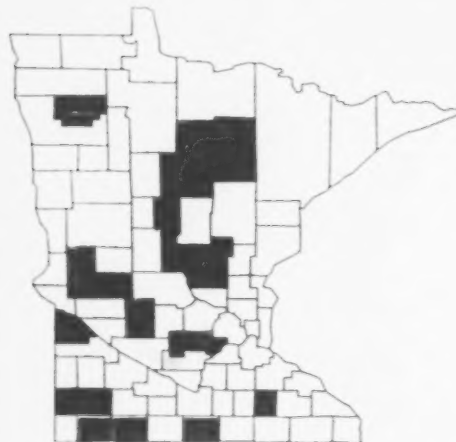


Children Dropping Out of School

Statewide Statistics

	1986-87	1991-92	% Change
Children enrolled in grades 7-12	332,104	331,944	+0.0%
Children dropping out of school			
Number	9,431	11,488	+21.8%
Percent	2.8%	3.5%	+25.0%

County Changes for this Indicator

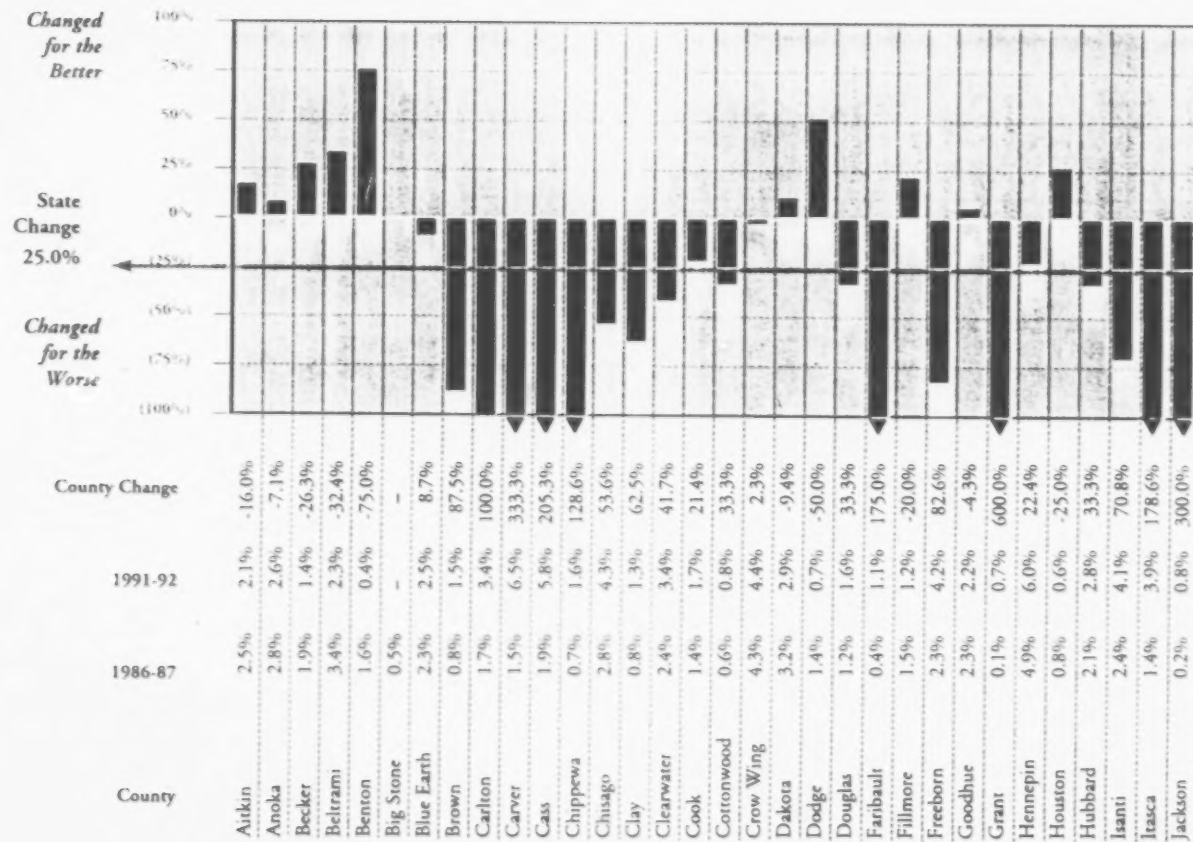


TEN BEST

Pipestone
Stevens
Pennington
Benton
Lac Qui Parle
Murray
Morrison
Mille Lacs
Pope
Dodge

TEN WORST

Grant
Red Lake
Carver
Jackson
Nobles
McLeod
Cass
Kandiyohi
Itasca
Faribault



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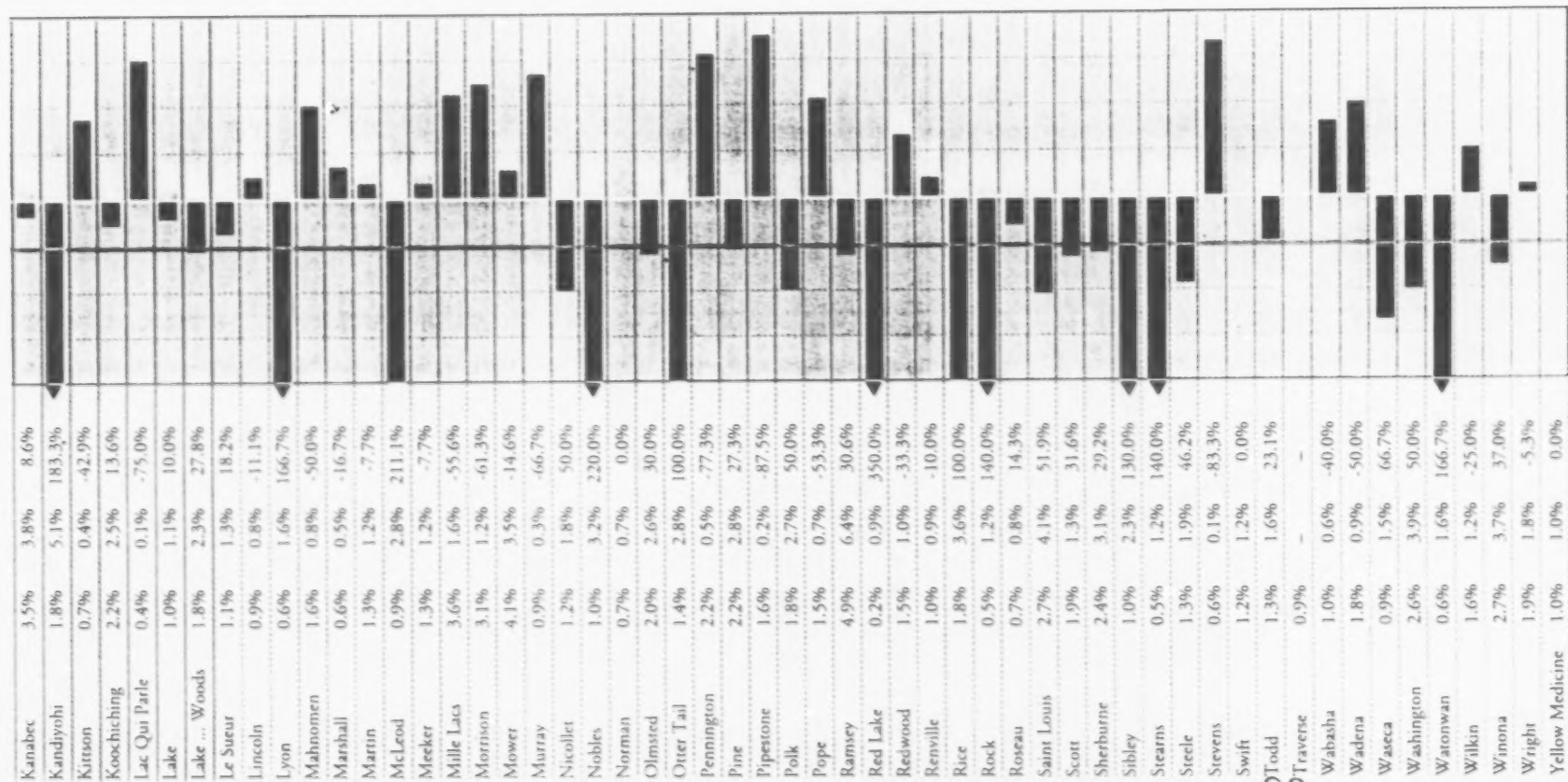
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Indicator Description

Dropping out of school before high school graduation usually results in a lifetime of sporadic low-wage employment and poverty. Children who drop out of school have fewer options for employment than do high school graduates and students who go on to post-secondary training or education. High school dropouts also experience longer periods of unemployment as adults. In Minnesota, the unemployment rate for 16-19 year-old dropouts was 17.9% in 1990 compared to the state average of 5.1%.

Statewide, the proportion of students dropping out of school rose by 25% between 1986 and 1991. The rate of school dropouts increased in 51 counties, dropped in 31 counties, and stayed the same in three counties (two counties — Big Stone and Traverse — did not report dropouts for school year 1991-92). In seven counties — Carver, Cass, Grant, Jackson, Nobles, Red Lake, and McLeod — the rate of change was over 200%.



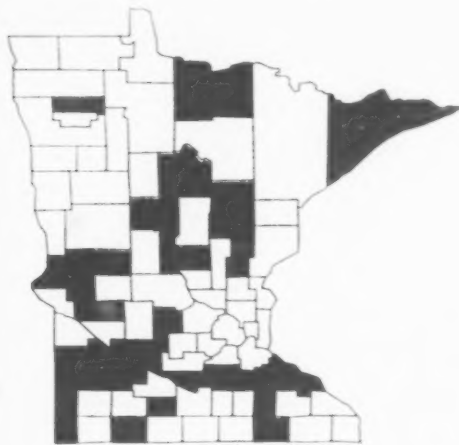
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Children's Crimes Against People

Statewide Statistics

	1987	1991	% Change
Delinquency petitions involving children	17,056	20,881	+22.4%
Number that were for felonies	992	1,370	+38.1%
Proportion that were for felonies	5.8%	6.6%	+13.8%

County Changes for this Indicator

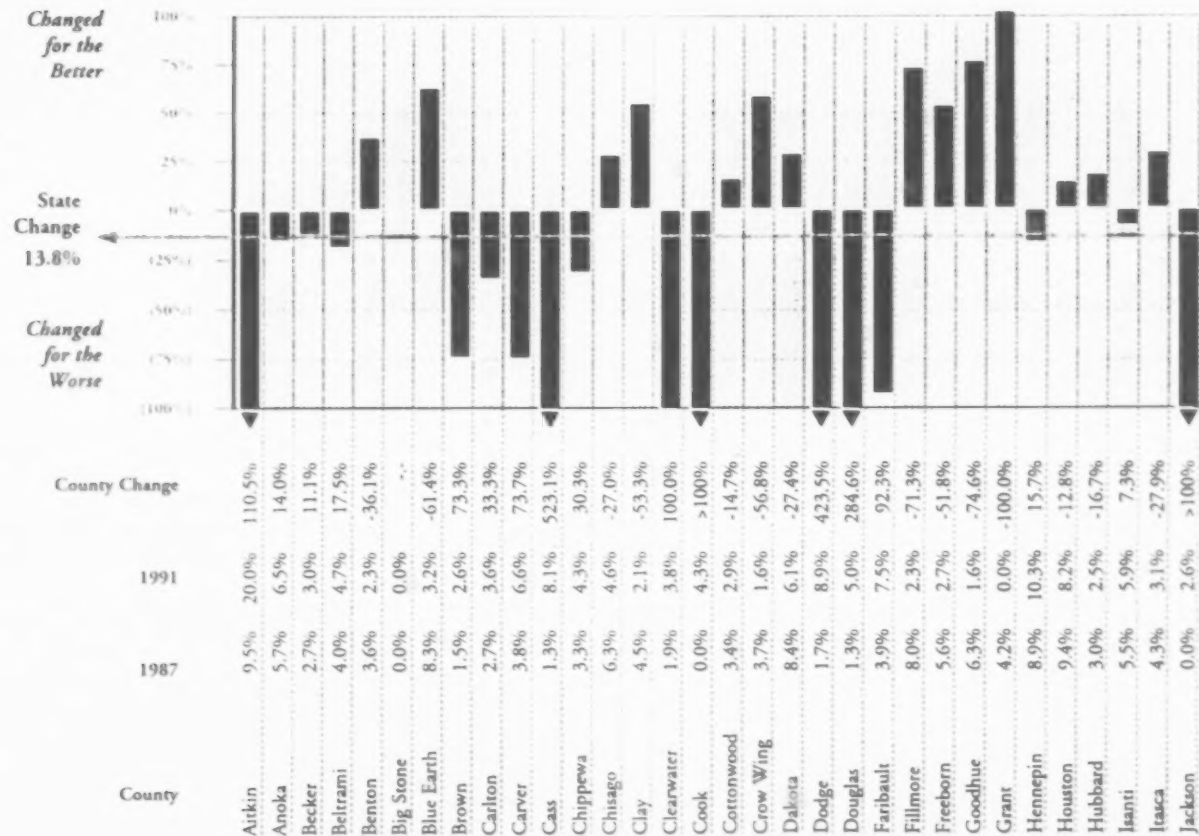


TEN BEST

Grant
Koochiching
Lincoln
Redwood
Rock
Swift
Traverse
Wabasha
Stevens
Goodhue

COUNTIES OVER 100%

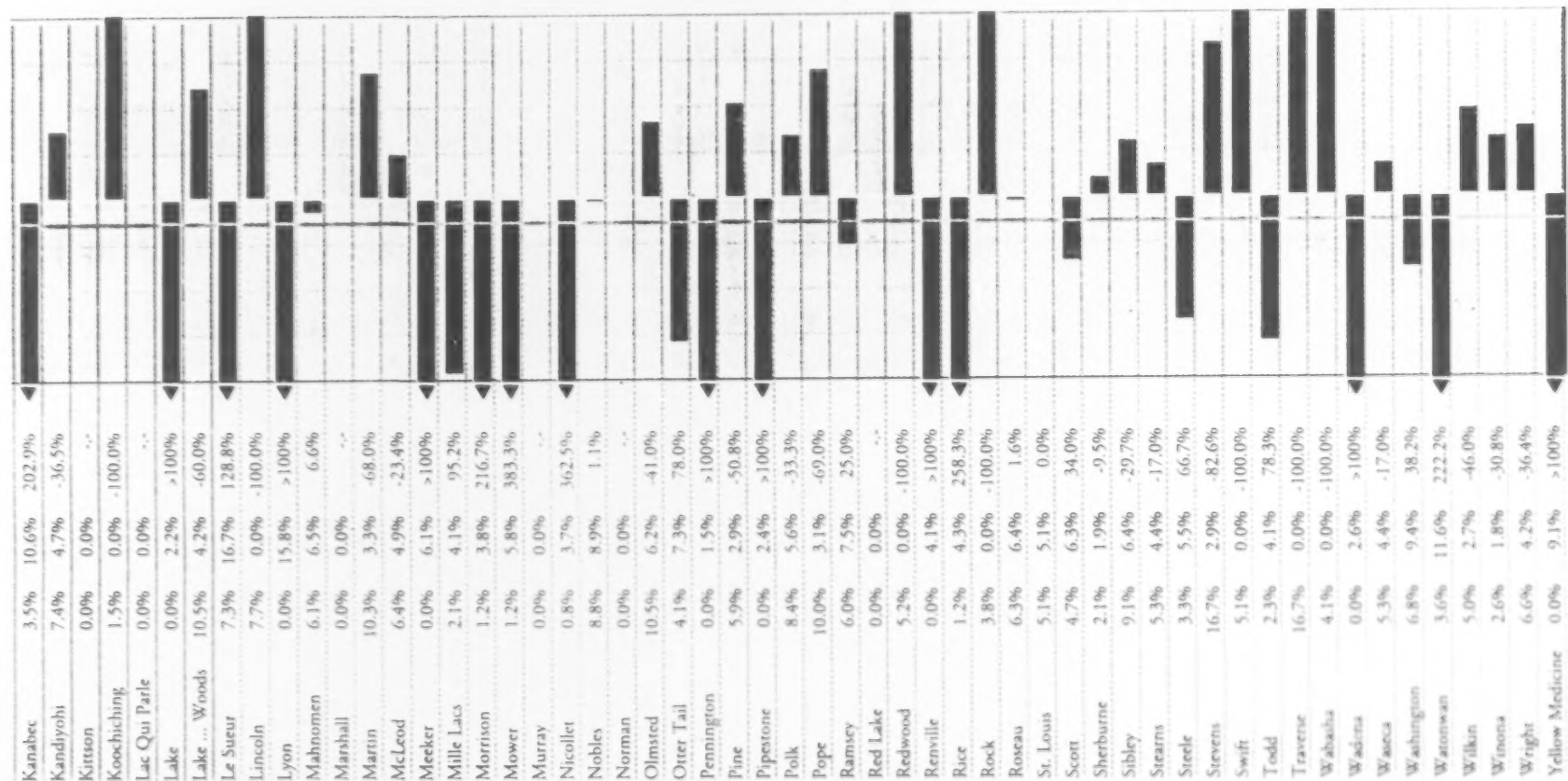
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Morrison
Mower
Nicollet
Pennington
Pipestone
Renville
Rice
Wadena
Watonswan
Yellow Medicine



Indicator Description

While all forms of crime by children give cause for concern, crimes against people are especially troubling because they show a lack of caring for other people as well as a disregard for the social order. Violent crimes by children range from simple assault to murder. The risk for society and the child perpetrator is great because the child often goes on as an adult to injure more people, and to spend much of his or her life in prison.

Children's crimes are becoming more violent in Minnesota. The proportion of crimes committed by juveniles that were against people, rather than property, increased 13.8% between 1987 and 1991. Forty-three counties saw increases, ranging from 1.1% to 523.1% (ten of these had seen no juvenile crimes against people in 1987), 37 counties saw decreases, and seven saw no change. Twelve counties had measurable increases of 100% or more: Aitkin, Cass, Clearwater, Dodge, Douglas, Kanabec, LeSeuer, Morrison, Mower, Nicollet, Rice and Watonwan.

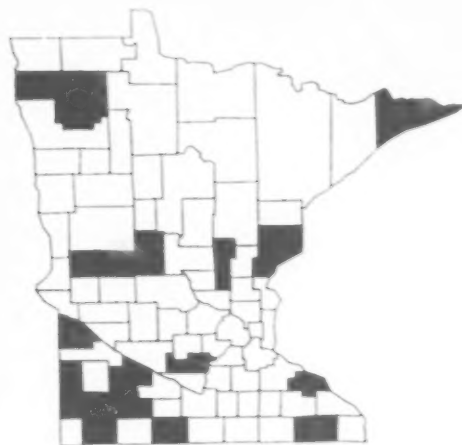


Children Dying Violently

Statewide Statistics

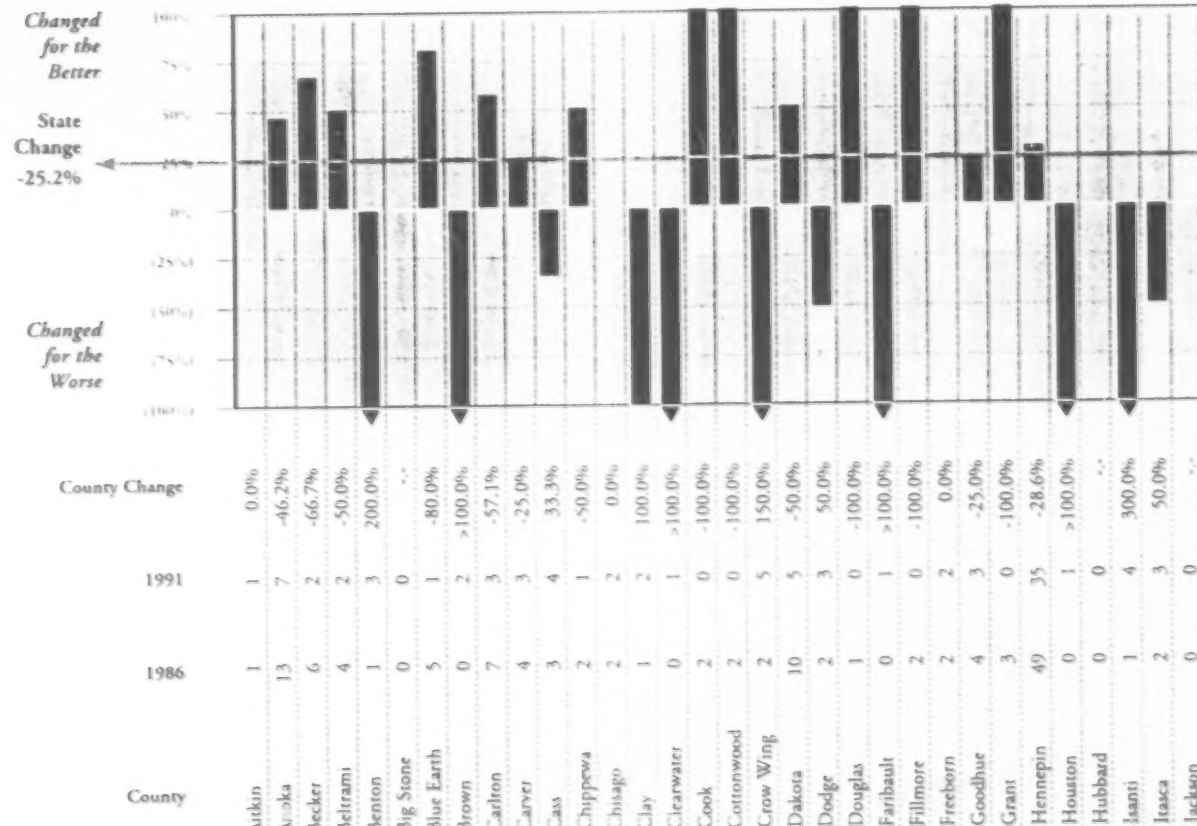
	1986	1991	% Change
Children under age 18	1,170,426	1,167,280	-.3%
Children dying violently	266	199	-25.2%
Type of death			
Suicide	47	28	-40.4%
Homicide	14	21	+50.0%
Motor vehicle	205	150	-26.8%

County Changes for this Indicator



BEST

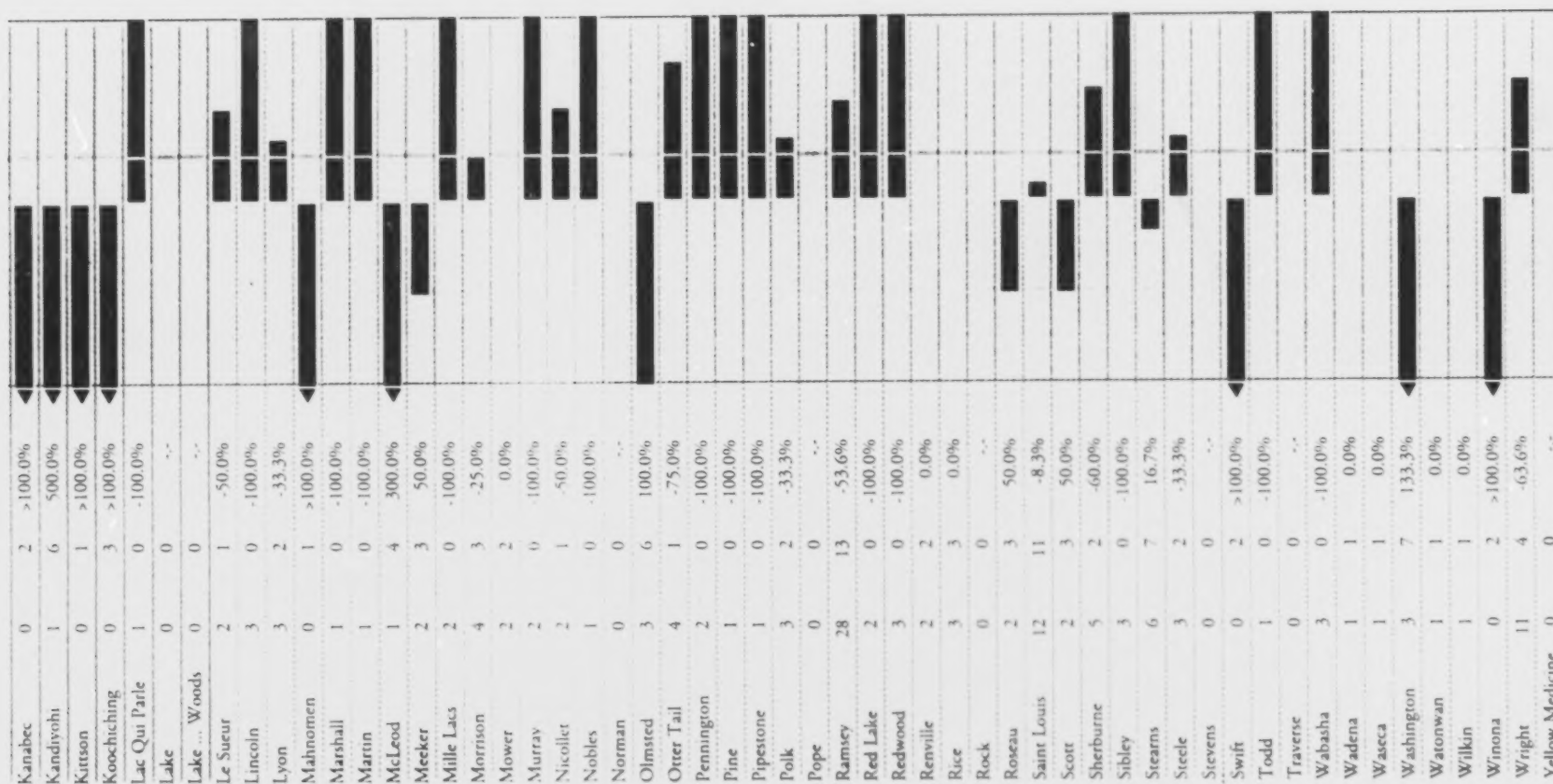
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Cottonwood Nobles
Douglas Pennington
Fillmore Pine
Grant Pipestone
Lac Qui Parle Red Lake
Lincoln Redwood
Marshall Sibley
Martin Todd
Mille Lacs Wabasha



**Indicator
Description**

The violent death of a child is the ultimate sign that we have failed our children. Children who commit suicide have turned their anger, frustration or depression on themselves. Murdered children have been victimized by people using violence to resolve conflict. They are often innocents caught in the crossfire of conflict between family members or neighbors.

The good news is that, unlike the rest of the country, Minnesota saw the number of children dying from violence shrink by 25.2% between 1986 and 1991 from 266 to 199. Despite this good news, 25 counties saw increases. Of those, 10 had seen no child deaths by violence in 1986.



Minnesota Kids

County Profiles



Family Economics

Children living in poverty

Children living in poverty are at high risk for malnutrition, hunger, cold, poor housing, frequent moves that interrupt family stability and schooling, and high levels of personal and family stress. These problems can interfere with intellectual, physical, and emotional development and therefore cause long-term devastation to a child's journey toward adulthood.

Children living in single parent families

In Minnesota, children living in single parent households are seven times more likely to live in poverty than are other children. Nearly 81% of children in single parent families live with their mothers, 19% with their fathers. In 1989, the median income for families headed by single mothers was \$16,932, for families headed by single fathers \$29,046, and for families headed by married couples \$39,895.

Children dependent on AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children)

Children dependent on AFDC are the poorest of poor children. In 1993, Minnesota's AFDC grant, combined with the value of food stamps, was equal to only 75% of the poverty level. This extreme poverty puts children at very high risk for hunger, malnutrition, unsafe housing, and debilitating illness.

Birth Circumstances

Children weighing less than 5.5 pounds at birth

Infants weighing less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds) at birth are 40 times more likely to die during the first month of life than are those with higher weights. Low birthweight babies who do survive are three times more likely to experience serious health and developmental problems than are other children.

Children born to unmarried parents

Most children born to unmarried parents live out their childhoods in poverty and suffer its long-term consequences. Children born to unmarried parents are less likely than children of divorced parents to receive child support (18% as opposed to 61%). The primary reason for this wide disparity is that in Minnesota only 54% of children of unmarried parents are known to have a legal relationship with their fathers. Without clearly established paternity, judges cannot order child support.

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to teen mothers are at high risk for spending their entire childhoods in poverty and for not succeeding in school. Their mothers are less likely to finish high school than are other girls and more likely to be single than older mothers.

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years education

Children born to mothers who have less than a high school education face the risk of poverty at birth and throughout childhood. These children are at higher risk than other children for not doing well in school, for dropping out, and for themselves becoming parents at an early age.

Signs of Trouble

Child abuse and neglect substantiated

Children suffering physical and sexual abuse are at higher risk for failure in school, for truancy, and for juvenile delinquency than are other children. In fact, they are far more likely to repeat the cycle and become perpetrators of violence themselves.

Children dropping out of school

Dropping out of school before high school graduation usually results in a lifetime of sporadic low-wage employment and poverty. Children dropping out of school have fewer options for employment than do high school graduates and students who go on to post-secondary schools.

Children's crimes against people

Crimes against people show a lack of caring for other people as well as a disregard for the social order. Violent crimes by children range from simple assault to murder. The risk for society and the child perpetrator is great because the child often goes on as an adult to injure more people, and to spend much of his or her life in prison.

Children dying violently

The violent death of a child is the ultimate sign that society has failed its children. Children who commit suicide have turned their anger, frustration, or depression on themselves. Murdered children have been victimized by people using violence to resolve conflict. Often, murdered children are innocents caught in the crossfire of conflict between family members or neighbors.

Minnesota



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....4,424,763
- Children under age 18.....1,167,909
 - African American 36,541
 - American Indian 19,920
 - Asian American 34,376
 - European American.....1,068,156
 - Other 8,916
 - Hispanic (of all races).....21,613
- Children under age 6.....406,751
- Median family income.....\$30,111

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....7.0%
 - Largest industry Services: 23.4%
 - Second largest industry Durable goods manufacturing: 13.1%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest Services
 - Slowest Construction
- Unemployment rate (1993) 5.1%



1994 Report

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

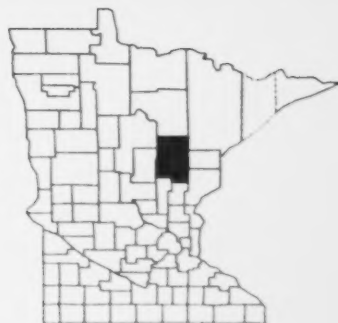
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	Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	Change
Family Economics			
Children in poverty (1979-1989)	10.2%	12.4%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	11.8%	16.2%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	8.9%	10.3%	15.7%
Birth Circumstances			
Children born to unmarried parents	16.3%	22.3%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	5.0%	5.3%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	2.5%	2.7%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	8.9%	10.0%	12.4%
Signs of Trouble			
Children abused and neglected	7,760	10,224	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	2.8%	3.5%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	5.8%	6.6%	13.8%
Children dying violently	266	199	-25.2%

State

Aitkin



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....12,477
- Children under age 18.....2,960
 - African American.....5
 - American Indian.....79
 - Asian American.....18
 - European American.....2,845
 - Other.....13
 - Hispanic (of all races).....35
- Children under age 6.....835
- Median family income.....\$21,263

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....4.90%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 20%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 19.9%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Transportation/ public utilities
 - Slowest.....Durable goods manufacturing
- Unemployment rate (1993) 7.80%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better

(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base
Year
1986

Current
Year
1991

County
Change

State
Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

21.1% 26.2% 24.2% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

10.1% 16.8% 66.3% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

15.0% 16.2% 8.0% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

23.2% 25.2% 8.6% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

2.6% 5.2% 100.0% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

6.5% 2.6% -60.0% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

14.2% 16.5% 16.2% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

39 22 -43.6% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

2.5% 2.1% -16.0% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

9.5% 20.0% 110.5% 13.8%

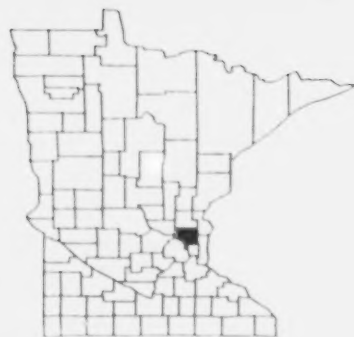
Children dying violently

1 1 0.0% -25.2%

County State

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Anoka



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....245,609
- Children under age 18.....74,528
 - African American.....755
 - American Indian.....771
 - Asian American.....1,106
 - European American.....71,510
 - Other.....386
 - Hispanic (of all races).....1,029
- Children under age 6.....25,984
- Median family income.....\$42,931

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....7.6%
 - Largest industry.....Durable goods manufacturing: 26.9%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 18.9%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Durable goods manufacturing
- Unemployment rate (1993).....4.2%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
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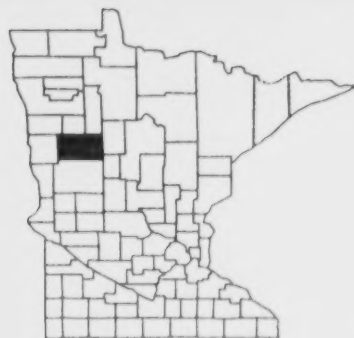
County State

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change



1994 Report

Becker



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....27,977
- Children under age 18.....8,083
 - African American 0
 - American Indian 789
 - Asian American 38
 - European American.....7,244
 - Other 12
 - Hispanic (of all races).....49
- Children under age 6.....2,518
- Median family income.....\$24,994

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....6.80%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 22.3%
 - Second largest industry.....Farming & state and local govt.: 15.8% ea.
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest Transportation/public utilities
- Unemployment rate (1993) 7.40%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



County State

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

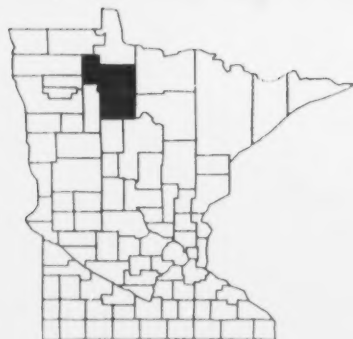
Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
18.7%	23.0%	23.0%	21.6%
11.9%	18.1%	52.1%	37.3%
12.4%	15.6%	25.8%	15.7%
21.1%	30.9%	46.4%	36.8%
5.2%	4.6%	-11.5%	6.0%
3.6%	4.6%	27.8%	8.0%
17.5%	17.3%	-1.1%	12.4%
178	71	-60.1%	31.8%
1.9%	1.4%	-26.3%	25.0%
2.7%	3.0%	11.1%	13.8%
6	2	-66.7%	-25.2%

Beltrami



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....34,554
- Children under age 18.....10,227
 - African American.....56
 - American Indian.....2,484
 - Asian American.....70
 - European American.....7,597
 - Other.....20
 - Hispanic (of all races).....116
- Children under age 6.....3,506
- Median family income.....\$25,133

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....7.50%
 - Largest industry...State & local govt.: 27%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 21.7%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest Construction
- Unemployment rate (1993) 5.10%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse (100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100% Better

Except where indicated

	Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
Family Economics				
Children in poverty (1979-1989)	20.0%	28.2%	41.0%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	16.2%	22.7%	40.1%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	21.4%	25.9%	21.0%	15.7%
Birth Circumstances				
Children born to unmarried parents	34.4%	46.6%	35.5%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	3.9%	4.0%	2.6%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	6.4%	3.5%	-45.3%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	18.1%	15.7%	-13.3%	12.4%
Signs of Trouble				
Children abused and neglected	181	90	-50.3%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	3.4%	2.3%	-32.4%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	4.0%	4.7%	17.5%	13.8%
Children dying violently	4	2	-50.0%	-25.2%

County State



Benton



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....30,307
- Children under age 18.....9,078
 - African American.....64
 - American Indian.....87
 - Asian American.....59
 - European American.....8,863
 - Other.....5
 - Hispanic (of all races).....36
- Children under age 6.....3,115
- Median family income.....\$31,942

ECONOMICS

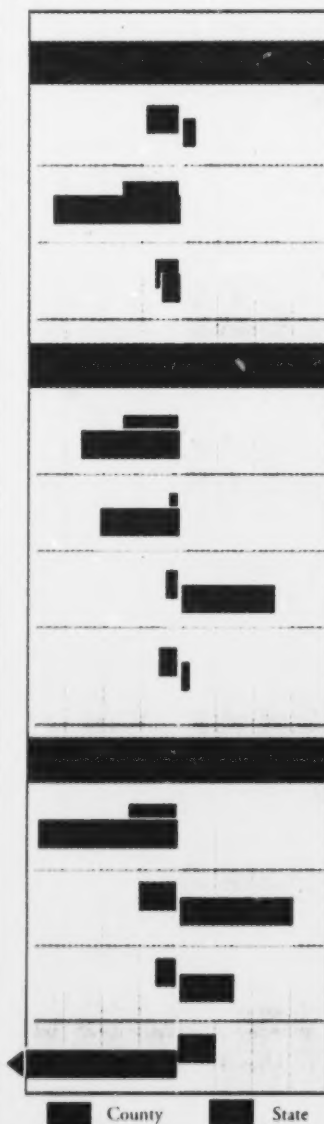
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....7.20%
 - Largest industry.....Non-durable goods manufacturing: 18.4%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 15.1%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Wholesale trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....4.70%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse (100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100% Better

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
11.5%	10.5%	-8.7%	21.6%
7.7%	14.2%	84.4%	37.3%
6.4%	7.2%	12.5%	15.7%
12.5%	20.7%	65.6%	36.8%
3.4%	5.2%	52.9%	6.0%
2.1%	0.8%	-61.9%	8.0%
7.2%	6.8%	-5.6%	12.4%
27	52	92.6%	31.8%
1.6%	0.4%	-75.0%	25.0%
3.6%	2.3%	-36.1%	13.8%
1	3	200.0%	-25.2%

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Big Stone



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....6,311
- Children under age 18.....1,642
 - African American.....0
 - American Indian.....15
 - Asian American.....15
 - European American.....1,612
 - Other.....0
 - Hispanic (of all races).....17
- Children under age 6.....516
- Median family income.....\$23,893

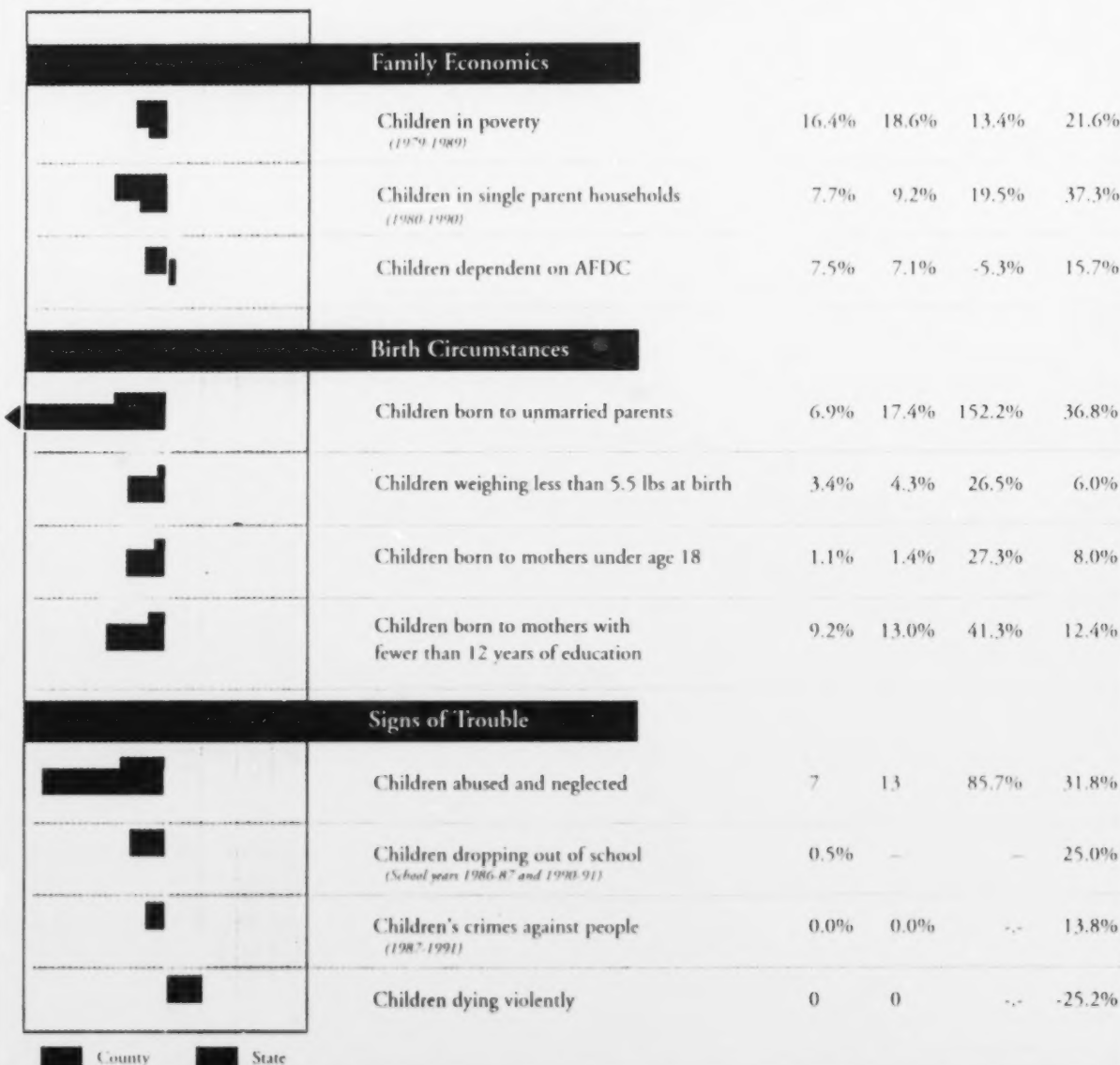
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....3.10%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 29.2%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 17.1%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.80%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



1994 Report

Blue Earth



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....54,570
- Children under age 18.....12,375
 - African American.....33
 - American Indian.....25
 - Asian American.....201
 - European American.....11,996
 - Other.....120
 - Hispanic (of all races).....202
- Children under age 6.....4,213
- Median family income.....\$32,550

ECONOMICS

Profile (1990)

- Economic growth rate.....5.30%
- Largest industry.....Services: 23.8%
- Second largest industry.....State & local govt.: 19.7%

Industry Growth (1980-1990)

- Fastest.....Services
- Slowest.....Durable goods manufacturing

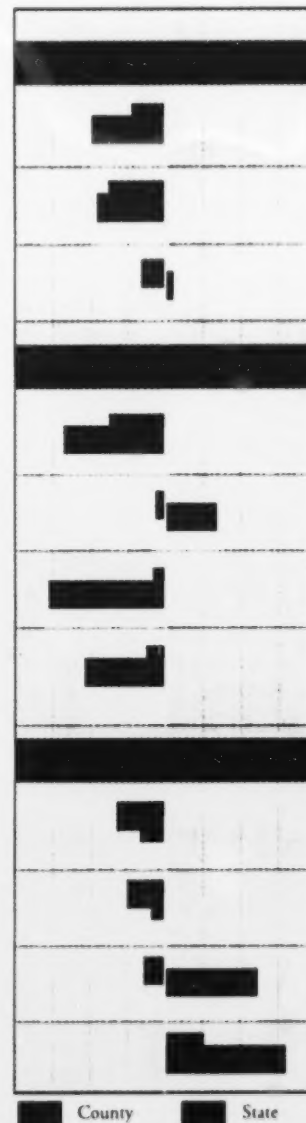
Unemployment rate (1993) 2.60%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
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10.0%	14.8%	-48.0%	21.6%
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10.5%	15.2%	-44.8%	37.3%
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9.8%	9.3%	-5.1%	15.7%
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13.5%	22.5%	66.7%	36.8%
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4.7%	3.1%	-34.0%	6.0%
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1.3%	2.3%	76.9%	8.0%
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6.6%	10.1%	53.0%	12.4%
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162	188	16.0%	31.8%
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2.3%	2.5%	8.7%	25.0%
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8.3%	3.2%	-61.4%	13.8%
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5	1	-80.0%	-25.2%
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County State

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Brown



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....27,120
- Children under age 18.....7,439
 - African American.....4
 - American Indian.....11
 - Asian American.....76
 - European American.....7,330
 - Other.....18
 - Hispanic (of all races).....93
- Children under age 6.....2,365
- Median family income.....\$30,681

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.40%
 - Largest industry.....Services
 - Second largest industry.....Non-durable goods manufacturing
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.80%



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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse (100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100% Better

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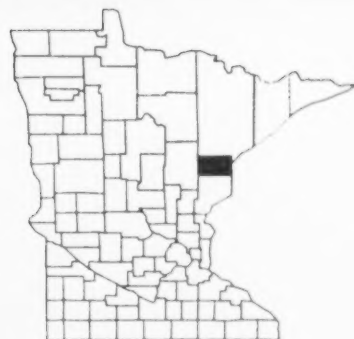
	Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
Family Economics				
Children in poverty (1979-1989)	11.2%	8.5%	-24.1%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	7.2%	10.5%	45.8%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	4.5%	4.2%	-6.7%	15.7%
Birth Circumstances				
Children born to unmarried parents	10.0%	19.7%	97.0%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	3.9%	6.9%	76.9%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	2.9%	2.3%	-20.7%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	2.2%	8.3%	277.3%	12.4%
Signs of Trouble				
Children abused and neglected	47	32	-31.9%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	0.8%	1.5%	87.5%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	1.5%	2.6%	73.3%	13.8%
Children dying violently	0	2	>100%	-25.2%

County State

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Carlton



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population 29,338
- Children under age 18 8,245
 - African American 10
 - American Indian 494
 - Asian American 61
 - European American 7,677
 - Other 3
 - Hispanic (of all races) 36
- Children under age 6 2,463
- Median family income\$30,208

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate 4.90%
 - Largest industry State and local govt.
21.6%
 - Second largest industry Non-durable
goods manufacturing: 21.3%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest Services
 - Slowest Durable goods manufacturing
- Unemployment rate (1993) 6.30%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base
Year
1986

Current
Year
1991

County
Change

State
Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	9.4%	15.2%	61.7%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	12.8%	18.3%	43.0%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	12.3%	11.3%	-8.1%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

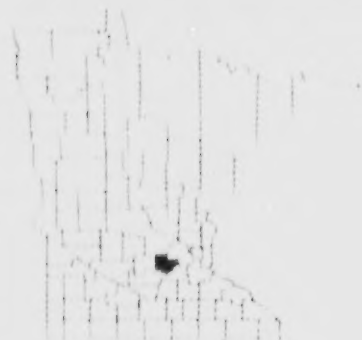
Children born to unmarried parents	24.4%	24.2%	-0.8%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	4.8%	4.0%	-16.7%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	2.5%	2.6%	4.0%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	12.3%	8.9%	-27.6%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	48	34	-29.2%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	1.7%	3.4%	100.0%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	2.7%	3.6%	33.3%	13.8%
Children dying violently	7	3	-57.1%	-25.2%

County State

Carver



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....48,116
- Children under age 18.....14,498
 - African American.....30
 - American Indian.....34
 - Asian American.....168
 - European American.....14,246
 - Other.....20
 - Hispanic (of all races).....75
- Children under age 6.....5,362
- Median family income.....\$43,554

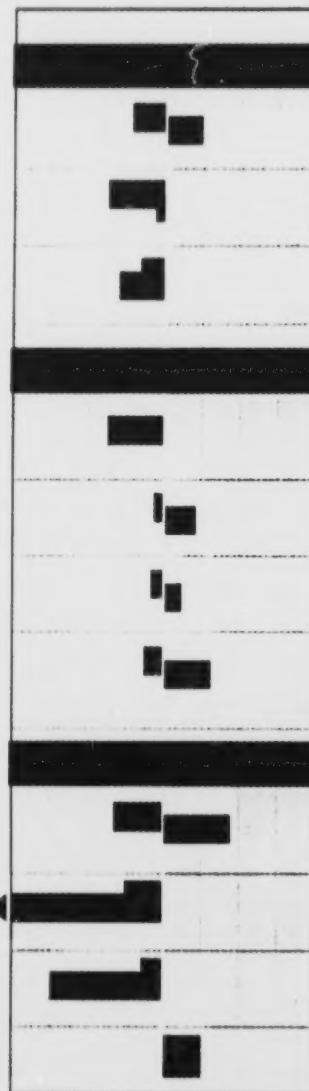
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....11.00%
 - Largest industry.....Non-durable goods manufacturing: 25.7%
 - Second largest industry.....Durable goods manufacturing: 19.0%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....2.90%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



County State

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	6.4%	4.9%	-23.4%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	9.2%	9.8%	6.5%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	2.0%	2.6%	30.0%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	9.7%	9.7%	0.0%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	4.9%	3.9%	-20.4%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	1.8%	1.6%	-11.1%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	5.2%	3.6%	-30.8%	12.4%

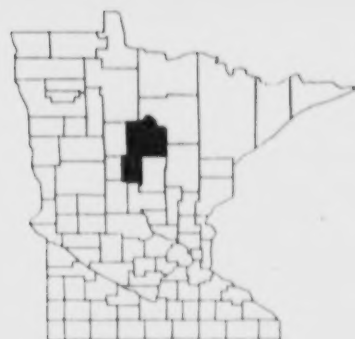
Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	100	56	-44.0%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	1.5%	6.5%	333.3%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	3.8%	6.6%	73.7%	13.8%
Children dying violently	4	3	-25.0%	-25.2%

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change



Cass



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....21,880
- Children under age 18.....5,954
 - African American.....18
 - American Indian.....1,073
 - Asian American.....37
 - European American.....4,819
 - Other.....7
 - Hispanic (of all races).....44
- Children under age 6.....1,920
- Median family income.....\$22,022

ECONOMICS

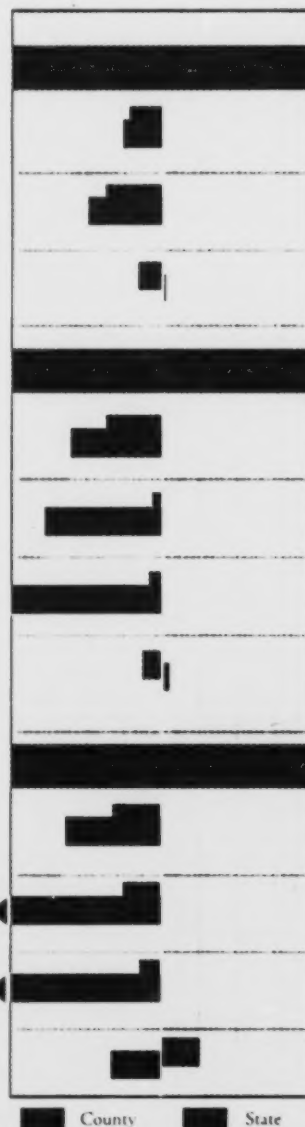
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....6.00%
 - Largest industry.....Services
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....State and local govt.
 - Slowest.....Construction
- Unemployment rate (1993).....6.80%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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County State

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

23.4% 29.5% 26.1% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

13.8% 20.6% 49.3% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

20.9% 20.6% -1.4% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

24.6% 39.5% 60.6% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

3.6% 6.4% 77.8% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

2.7% 5.4% 100.0% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

17.1% 16.4% -4.1% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

55 90 63.6% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

1.9% 5.8% 205.3% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

1.3% 8.1% 523.1% 13.8%

Children dying violently

3 4 33.3% -25.2%

Chippewa



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....13,316
- Children under age 18.....3,576
 - African American.....12
 - American Indian.....16
 - Asian American.....11
 - European American.....3,526
 - Other.....11
 - Hispanic (of all races).....47
- Children under age 6.....1,087
- Median family income.....\$27,361

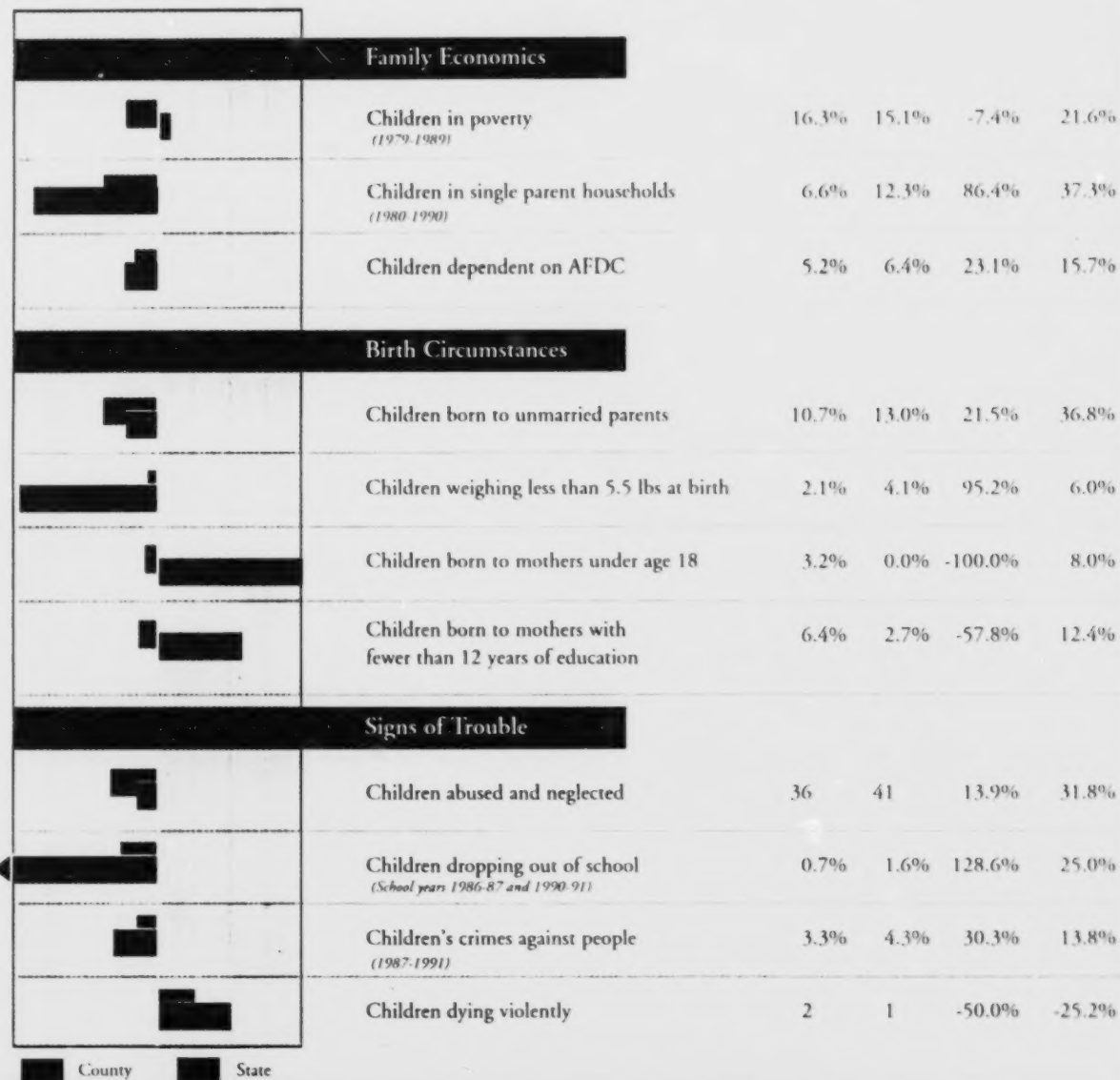
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.00%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 20%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 16.8%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Transportation/public utilities
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.60%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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Chisago



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

• Total population.....	30,628
• Children under age 18.....	9,428
- African American.....	23
- American Indian.....	60
- Asian American.....	48
- European American.....	9,270
- Other.....	27
- Hispanic (of all races).....	58
• Children under age 6.....	3,062
• Median family income.....	\$35,229

ECONOMICS

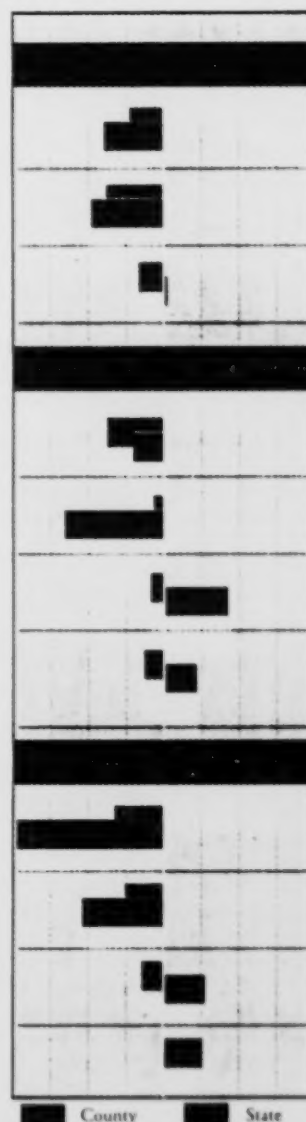
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- Economic growth rate.....	8.70%
- Largest industry.....	Services: 25%
- Second largest industry.....	State and local govt.: 14.1%
• Industry Growth (1980-1990)	
- Fastest.....	Services
- Slowest.....	Retail trade
• Unemployment rate (1993).....	4.90%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better

(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

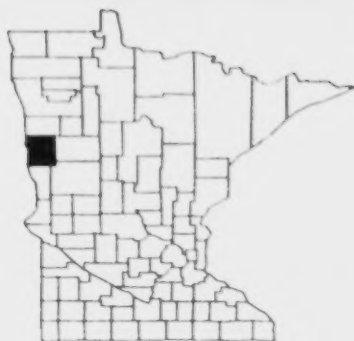
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County State

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

Clay



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....51,402
- Children under age 18.....12,667
 - African American.....54
 - American Indian.....279
 - Asian American.....107
 - European American.....11,870
 - Other.....357
 - Hispanic (of all races).....507
- Children under age 6.....4,285
- Median family income.....\$32,983

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.50%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 22.4%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 21.4%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Construction
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.80%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

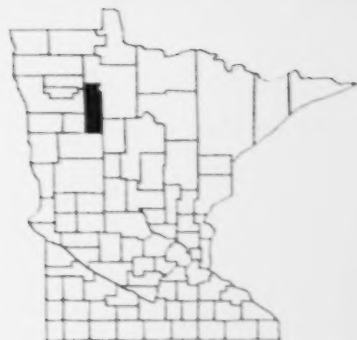
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	Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
Family Economics				
Children in poverty (1979, 1989)	8.3%	14.5%	74.7%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980, 1990)	11.0%	15.8%	43.6%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	9.9%	14.5%	46.5%	15.7%
Birth Circumstances				
Children born to unmarried parents	14.6%	23.9%	63.7%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	6.4%	4.7%	-26.6%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	1.1%	3.5%	218.2%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	5.6%	12.2%	117.9%	12.4%
Signs of Trouble				
Children abused and neglected	100	101	1.0%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	0.8%	1.3%	62.5%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987, 1991)	4.5%	2.1%	-53.3%	13.8%
Children dying violently	1	2	100.0%	-25.2%

County State



Clearwater



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

• Total population.....	8,328
• Children under age 18.....	2,421
- African American.....	0
- American Indian.....	270
- Asian American.....	7
- European American.....	2,144
- Other.....	0
- Hispanic (of all races).....	12
• Children under age 6.....	731
• Median family income.....	\$21,572

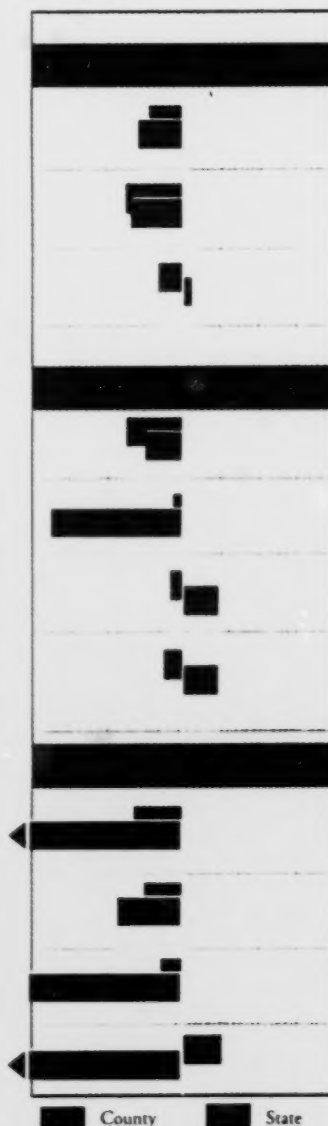
ECONOMICS

• Profile (1990)	
- Economic growth rate.....	5.70%
- Largest industry State & local govt.:	25.9%
- Second largest industry.....	Services: 13.7%
• Industry Growth (1980-1990)	
- Fastest.....	Construction
- Slowest.....	Retail trade
• Unemployment rate (1993).....	11.40%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	23.3%	30.0%	28.8%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	12.6%	16.9%	34.1%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	18.9%	17.9%	-5.3%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

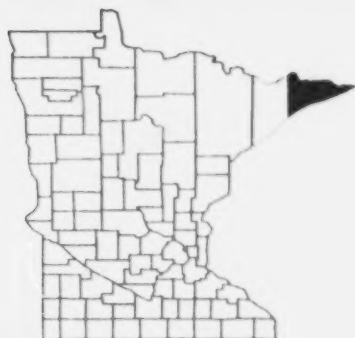
Children born to unmarried parents	22.5%	27.9%	24.0%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	2.2%	4.1%	86.4%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	4.3%	3.3%	-23.3%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	20.3%	15.6%	-23.2%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	2	13	550.0%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	2.4%	3.4%	41.7%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	1.9%	3.8%	100.0%	13.8%
Children dying violently	0	1	>100%	-25.2%

County State

Cook



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....3,873
- Children under age 18.....919
 - African American.....4
 - American Indian.....72
 - Asian American.....18
 - European American.....825
 - Other.....0
 - Hispanic (of all races).....0
- Children under age 6.....320
- Median family income.....\$27,839

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....6.60%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 28%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 21.4%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Transportation/public utilities
 - Slowest.....Durable goods manufacturing
- Unemployment rate (1993) 2.10%

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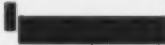


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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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		Family Economics			
	Children in poverty (1979-1989)	12.2%	15.1%	23.8%	21.6%
	Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	11.7%	13.4%	14.5%	37.3%
	Children dependent on AFDC	7.2%	4.6%	-36.1%	15.7%
		Birth Circumstances			
	Children born to unmarried parents	13.3%	17.4%	30.8%	36.8%
	Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	2.2%	2.2%	0.0%	6.0%
	Children born to mothers under age 18	4.4%	0.0%	-100.0%	8.0%
	Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	13.3%	13.0%	-2.3%	12.4%
		Signs of Trouble			
	Children abused and neglected	27	15	-44.4%	31.8%
	Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	1.4%	1.7%	21.4%	25.0%
	Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	0.0%	4.3%	>100%	13.8%
	Children dying violently	2	0	-100.0%	-25.2%
	County		State		

County State

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Cottonwood



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....12,765
- Children under age 18.....3,306
 - African American.....0
 - American Indian.....7
 - Asian American.....38
 - European American.....3,246
 - Other.....15
 - Hispanic (of all races).....34
- Children under age 6.....951
- Median family income.....\$26,756

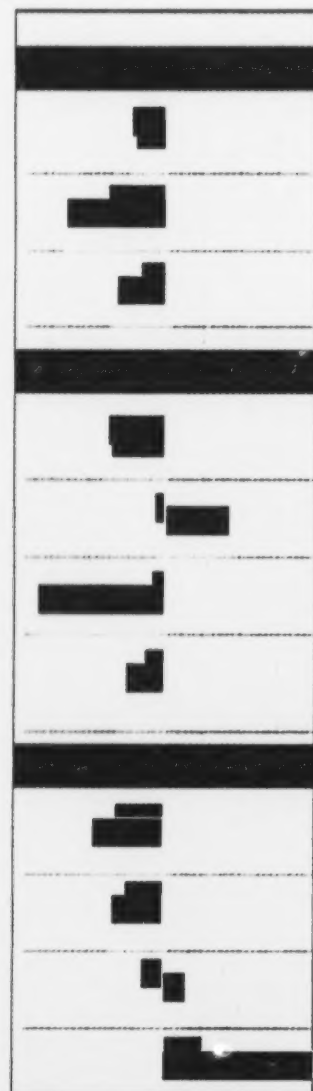
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....2.80%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 30.9%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 17.2%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....8.30%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



County State

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	15.0%	17.9%	19.3%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	7.2%	11.9%	65.3%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	5.4%	7.1%	31.5%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

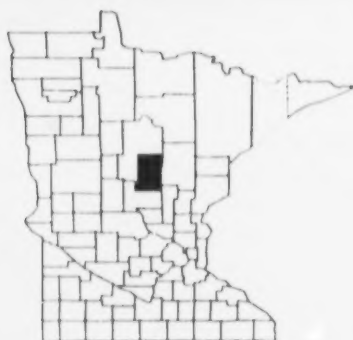
Children born to unmarried parents	11.8%	15.9%	34.7%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	6.2%	3.6%	-41.9%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	1.2%	2.2%	83.3%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	9.3%	11.6%	24.7%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	39	57	46.2%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years: 1986-87 and 1990-91)	0.6%	0.8%	33.3%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	3.4%	2.9%	-14.7%	13.8%
Children dying violently	2	0	-100.0%	-25.2%

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

Crow Wing



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....44,462
- Children under age 18.....11,949
 - African American.....24
 - American Indian.....202
 - Asian American.....47
 - European American.....11,643
 - Other.....33
 - Hispanic (of all races).....134
- Children under age 6.....3,861
- Median family income.....\$27,274

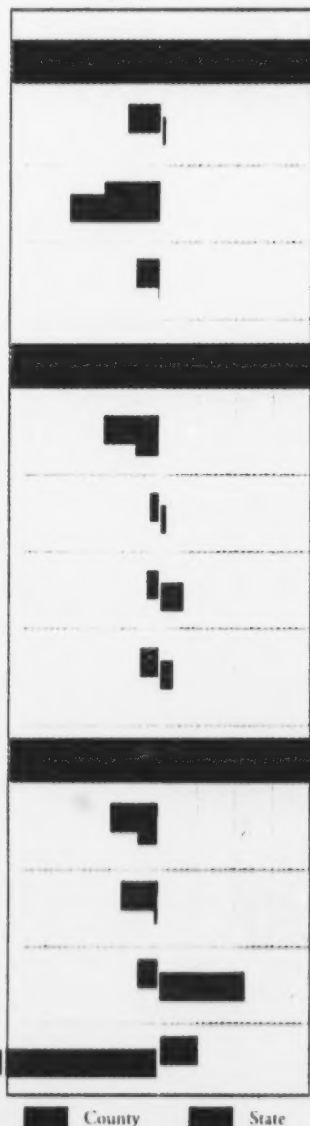
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....7.80%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 22.9%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 21.3%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Transportation/public utilities
- Unemployment rate (1993).....4.60%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Base Year 1986 18.8% Current Year 1991 18.4% County Change -2.1% State Change 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Base Year 1986 11.7% Current Year 1991 18.7% County Change 59.8% State Change 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

Base Year 1986 13.2% Current Year 1991 13.3% County Change 0.8% State Change 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Base Year 1986 21.1% Current Year 1991 24.4% County Change 15.6% State Change 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Base Year 1986 5.4% Current Year 1991 5.2% County Change -3.7% State Change 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

Base Year 1986 3.9% Current Year 1991 3.3% County Change -15.4% State Change 8.0%

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education

Base Year 1986 14.9% Current Year 1991 13.6% County Change -8.7% State Change 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Base Year 1986 182 Current Year 1991 206 County Change 13.2% State Change 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Base Year 1986 4.3% Current Year 1991 4.4% County Change 2.3% State Change 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Base Year 1986 3.7% Current Year 1991 1.6% County Change -56.8% State Change 13.8%

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986 2 Current Year 1991 5 County Change 150.0% State Change -25.2%

Dakota



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....278,993
- Children under age 18.....82,352
 - African American.....1,161
 - American Indian.....162
 - Asian American.....2,353
 - European American.....78,116
 - Other.....560
 - Hispanic (of all races).....1,623
- Children under age 6.....30,679
- Median family income.....\$47,136

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....10.30%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 18.5%
 - Second largest industry.....Durable goods manufacturing: 12.5%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Construction
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.30%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

4.4% 5.4% 22.7% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

10.4% 13.9% 33.7% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

3.8% 4.8% 26.3% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

10.7% 14.7% 37.4% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

4.6% 4.8% 4.3% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

1.5% 1.3% -13.3% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education

5.3% 5.0% -5.7% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

339 585 72.6% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

3.2% 2.9% -9.4% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

8.4% 6.1% -27.4% 13.8%

Children dying violently

10 5 -50.0% -25.2%

County State

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DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....15,895
- Children under age 18.....4,920
 - African American.....6
 - American Indian.....13
 - Asian American.....56
 - European American.....4,799
 - Other.....46
 - Hispanic (of all races).....76
- Children under age 6.....1,624
- Median family income.....\$33,582

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.50%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 23%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 15.9%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Construction
- Unemployment rate (1993).....4.10%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

10.0% 7.4% -26.0% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

5.6% 9.2% 64.3% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

5.1% 4.0% -21.6% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

10.0% 11.3% 13.0% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

6.1% 5.5% -9.8% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

1.9% 3.1% 63.2% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education

10.3% 12.5% 21.4% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

21 21 0.0% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

1.4% 0.7% -50.0% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

1.7% 8.9% 423.5% 13.8%

Children dying violently

2 3 50.0% -25.2%

County State

Douglas



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....28,789
- Children under age 18.....7,793
 - African American.....14
 - American Indian.....30
 - Asian American.....60
 - European American.....7,685
 - Other.....4
 - Hispanic (of all races).....37
- Children under age 6.....2,478
- Median family income.....\$26,886

ECONOMICS

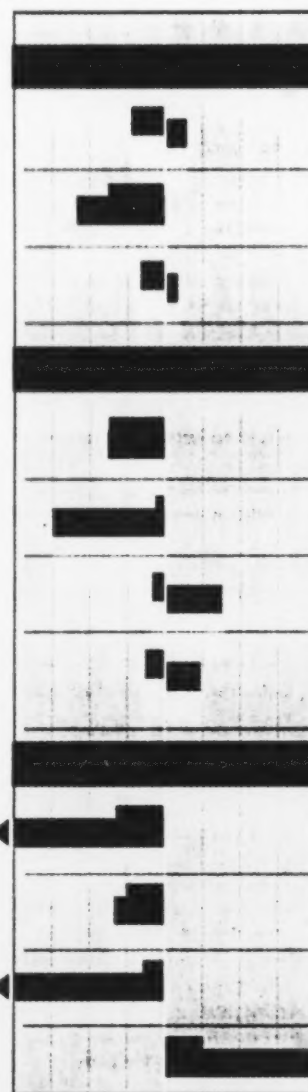
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....7.10%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 21.2%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 16.8%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Construction
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.50%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



County State

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Base Year 1986 15.3% Current Year 1991 13.2% County Change -13.7% State Change 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

7.5% 11.9% 58.7% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

6.7% 6.2% -7.5% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

12.1% 16.7% 38.0% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

3.5% 6.1% 74.3% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

2.7% 1.7% -37.0% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

7.9% 6.1% -22.8% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

60 155 158.3% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

1.2% 1.6% 33.3% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

1.3% 5.0% 284.6% 13.8%

Children dying violently

1 0 -100.0% -25.2%

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Faribault



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....17,170
- Children under age 18.....4,523
 - African American.....13
 - American Indian.....13
 - Asian American.....73
 - European American.....4,364
 - Other.....60
 - Hispanic (of all races).....116
- Children under age 6.....1,331
- Median family income.....\$27,606

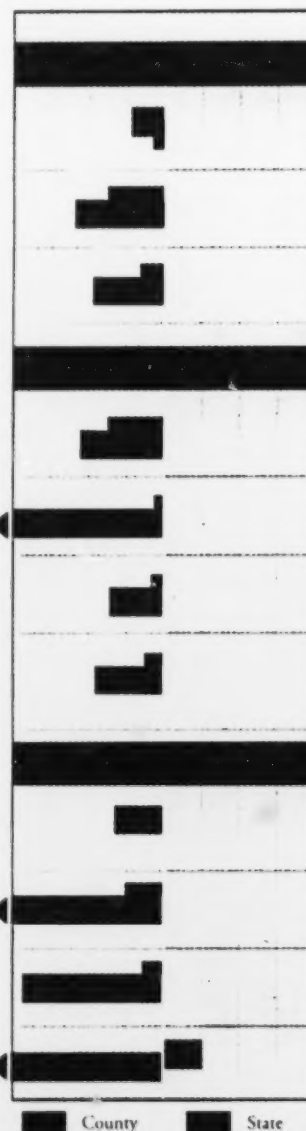
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....3.50%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 25.2%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 13.7%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Non-durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Wholesale trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.90%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

14.1% 15.2% 7.8% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

7.9% 12.6% 59.5% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

7.0% 10.3% 47.1% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

11.3% 17.5% 54.9% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

3.0% 7.9% 163.3% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

1.7% 2.3% 35.3% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

7.8% 11.3% 44.9% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

66 66 0.0% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

0.4% 1.1% 175.0% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

3.9% 7.5% 92.3% 13.8%

Children dying violently

0 1 >100% -25.2%

County State



Fillmore



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....20,839
- Children under age 18.....5,784
 - African American.....2
 - American Indian.....17
 - Asian American.....39
 - European American.....5,715
 - Other.....11
 - Hispanic (of all races).....35
- Children under age 6.....1,820
- Median family income.....\$27,151

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.10%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 26.3%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 16.7%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest Wholesale trade
- Unemployment rate (1993) 4.50%

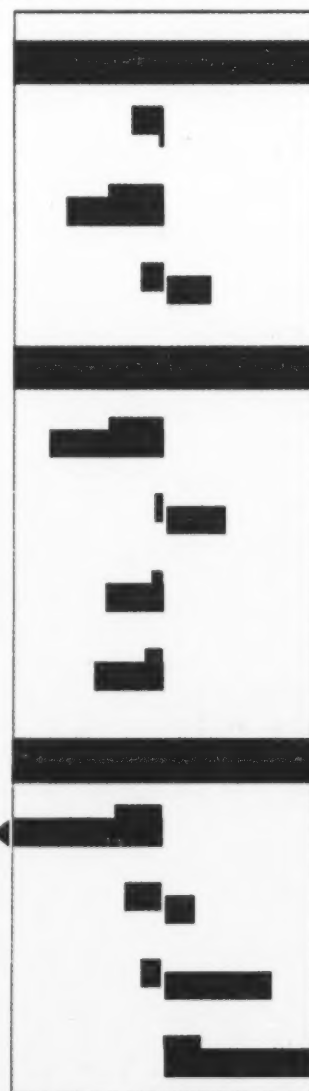
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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better

(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Country State

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	18.9%	19.6%	3.7%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	6.3%	10.4%	65.1%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	5.7%	4.0%	-29.8%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	9.3%	16.4%	76.3%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	5.3%	3.2%	-39.6%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	2.3%	3.2%	39.1%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	9.7%	14.2%	46.4%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	6	30	400.0%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	1.5%	1.2%	-20.0%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	8.0%	2.3%	-71.3%	13.8%
Children dying violently	2	0	-100.0%	-25.2%

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Freeborn



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....34,156
- Children under age 18.....8,648
 - African American.....2
 - American Indian.....15
 - Asian American.....57
 - European American.....8,258
 - Other.....316
 - Hispanic (of all races).....502
- Children under age 6.....2,678
- Median family income.....\$29,604

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....3.10%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 17.8%
 - Second largest industry.....Farming: 16.1%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Non-durable goods manufacturing
- Unemployment rate (1993).....4.90%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Base Year 1986 12.4% Current Year 1991 19.2% County Change 21.6% State Change

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Base Year 1986 9.7% Current Year 1991 14.2% County Change 37.3% State Change

Children dependent on AFDC

Base Year 1986 8.1% Current Year 1991 9.5% County Change 17.3% State Change 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Base Year 1986 15.7% Current Year 1991 26.4% County Change 68.2% State Change 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Base Year 1986 4.7% Current Year 1991 8.6% County Change 83.0% State Change 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

Base Year 1986 3.3% Current Year 1991 3.8% County Change 15.2% State Change 8.0%

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education

Base Year 1986 12.1% Current Year 1991 15.6% County Change 28.9% State Change 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Base Year 1986 108 Current Year 1991 101 County Change -6.5% State Change 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Base Year 1986 2.3% Current Year 1991 4.2% County Change 82.6% State Change 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Base Year 1986 5.6% Current Year 1991 2.7% County Change -51.8% State Change 13.8%

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986 2 Current Year 1991 2 County Change 0.0% State Change -25.2%

Goodhue



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....40,874
- Children under age 18.....11,514
 - African American.....51
 - American Indian.....136
 - Asian American.....100
 - European American.....11,192
 - Other.....35
 - Hispanic (of all races).....93
- Children under age 6.....3,713
- Median family income.....\$35,151

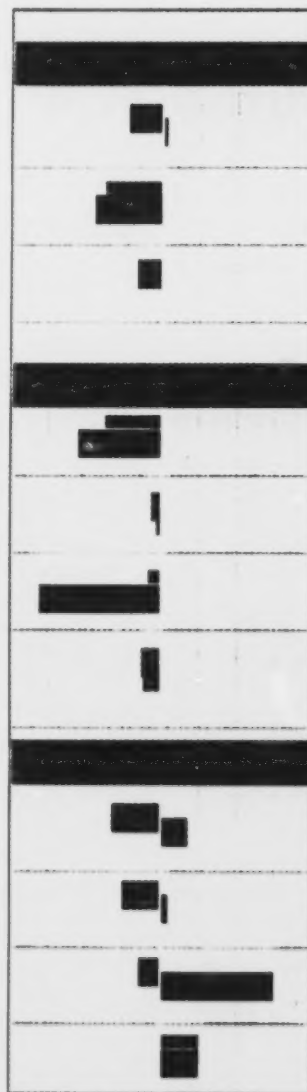
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....7.20%
 - Largest industry.....Non-durable goods manufacturing: 17.7%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 17.4%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.60%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



County State

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	8.3%	8.1%	-2.4%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	7.9%	11.4%	44.3%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	5.2%	5.2%	0.0%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	11.0%	17.0%	54.5%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	3.7%	3.8%	2.7%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	1.0%	1.8%	80.0%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	8.2%	9.1%	11.0%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	103	85	-17.5%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	2.3%	2.2%	-4.3%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	6.3%	1.6%	-74.6%	13.8%
Children dying violently	4	3	-25.0%	-25.2%

Grant



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population 6,248
- Children under age 18 1,625
 - African American 8
 - American Indian 9
 - Asian American 10
 - European American 1,598
 - Other 0
 - Hispanic (of all races) 2
- Children under age 6 480
- Median family income\$24,616

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate 5.60%
 - Largest industry Farming: 33.8%
 - Second largest industry Services: 16.3%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest Transportation/public utilities
 - Slowest Wholesale trade
- Unemployment rate (1993) 4.20%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	16.2%	16.0%	-1.2%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	5.6%	8.7%	55.4%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	6.5%	8.4%	29.2%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	11.5%	10.9%	-5.2%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	1.3%	1.8%	38.5%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	0.0%	0.0%	-	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	2.6%	9.1%	250.0%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	24	2	-91.7%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	0.1%	0.7%	600.0%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	4.2%	0.0%	-100.0%	13.8%
Children dying violently	3	0	-100.0%	-25.2%

County State



1994 Report

Hennepin



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....1,044,901
- Children under age 18.....238,544
 - African American.....23,206
 - American Indian.....5,860
 - Asian American.....11,698
 - European American.....195,800
 - Other.....1,980
 - Hispanic (of all races).....4,667
- Children under age 6.....91,772
- Median family income.....\$44,189

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....7.60%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 27.3%
 - Second largest industry.....Durable goods manufacturing: 12.8%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Durable goods manufacturing
- Unemployment rate (1993).....4.10%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

		Family Economics				
		Children in poverty <i>(1979-1989)</i>	8.5%	13.2%	55.3%	21.6%
		Children in single parent households <i>(1980-1990)</i>	17.8%	22.0%	23.6%	37.3%
		Children dependent on AFDC	11.6%	15.2%	31.0%	15.7%
		Birth Circumstances				
		Children born to unmarried parents	20.6%	27.0%	31.1%	36.8%
		Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	5.9%	6.2%	5.1%	6.0%
		Children born to mothers under age 18	2.6%	3.3%	26.9%	8.0%
		Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	10.4%	11.6%	11.5%	12.4%
		Signs of Trouble				
		Children abused and neglected	1,713	3,048	77.9%	31.8%
		Children dropping out of school <i>(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)</i>	4.9%	6.0%	22.4%	25.0%
		Children's crimes against people <i>(1987-1991)</i>	8.9%	10.3%	15.7%	13.8%
		Children dying violently	49	35	-28.6%	-25.2%
	County		State			

County State

Houston



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....18,544
- Children under age 18.....5,328
 - African American.....23
 - American Indian.....34
 - Asian American.....52
 - European American.....5,214
 - Other.....5
 - Hispanic (of all races).....22
- Children under age 6.....1,753
- Median family income.....\$30,937

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.30%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 20.3%
 - Second largest industry.....Farming: 16.0%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.70%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

12.6% 9.8% -22.2% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

7.2% 12.9% 79.2% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

4.8% 4.4% -8.3% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

10.1% 13.7% 35.6% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

2.5% 2.2% -12.0% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

1.4% 2.6% 85.7% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

7.6% 6.3% -17.1% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

46 14 -69.6% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

0.8% 0.6% -25.0% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

9.4% 8.2% -12.8% 13.8%

Children dying violently

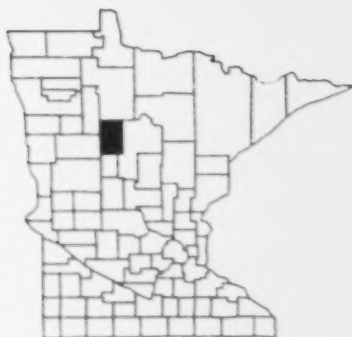
0 1 >100% -25.2%

County State



1994 Report

Hubbard



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....14,971
- Children under age 18.....4,088
 - African American.....2
 - American Indian.....118
 - Asian American.....7
 - European American.....3,957
 - Other.....4
 - Hispanic (of all races).....15
- Children under age 6.....1,271
- Median family income.....\$24,127

ECONOMICS

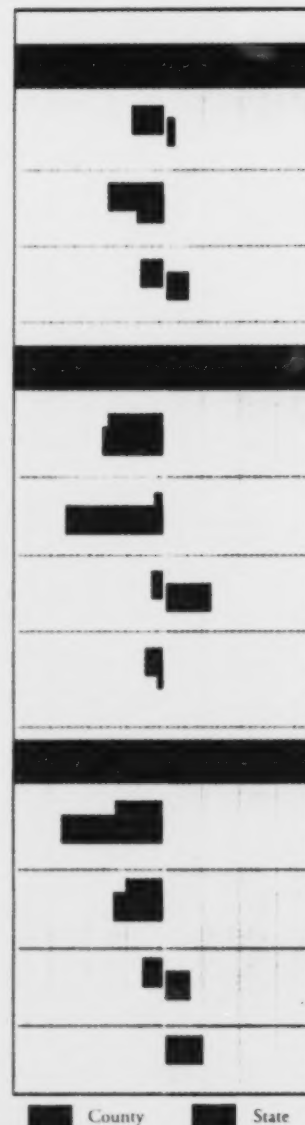
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....7.30%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 25.1%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 18.8%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Retail Trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....5.80%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Base Year 1986 Current Year 1991 County Change State Change

22.7% 21.4% -5.7% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

11.1% 13.2% 18.9% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

15.0% 12.7% -15.3% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

14.9% 21.0% 40.9% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

2.6% 4.3% 65.4% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

4.6% 3.2% -30.4% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education

11.3% 11.8% 4.4% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

37 62 67.6% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

2.1% 2.8% 33.3% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

3.0% 2.5% -16.7% 13.8%

Children dying violently

0 0 -- -25.2%

County State

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Isanti



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....26,026
- Children under age 18.....8,107
 - African American.....29
 - American Indian.....22
 - Asian American.....52
 - European American.....7,996
 - Other.....8
 - Hispanic (of all races).....42
- Children under age 6.....2,510
- Median family income.....\$35,154

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....6.60%
 - Largest industry.....State and local govt.: 25.4%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 24.9%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Non-durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Durable goods manufacturing
- Unemployment rate (1993).....4.60%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	7.7%	10.1%	31.2%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	8.5%	14.4%	69.4%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	7.6%	8.6%	13.2%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	17.9%	21.3%	19.0%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	2.5%	2.6%	4.0%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	1.7%	2.6%	52.9%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	12.1%	9.8%	-19.0%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

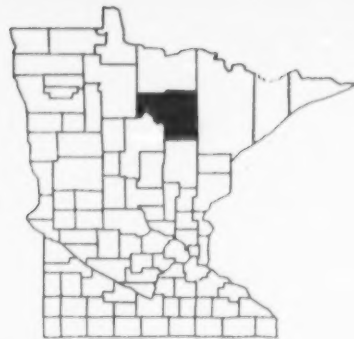
Children abused and neglected	28	33	17.9%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	2.4%	4.1%	70.8%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	5.5%	5.9%	7.3%	13.8%
Children dying violently	1	4	300.0%	-25.2%

County State



1994 Report

Itasca



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....41,052
- Children under age 18.....11,638
 - African American 25
 - American Indian 538
 - Asian American 33
 - European American.....11,026
 - Other 16
 - Hispanic (of all races).....101
- Children under age 6.....3,343
- Median family income.....\$27,252

ECONOMICS

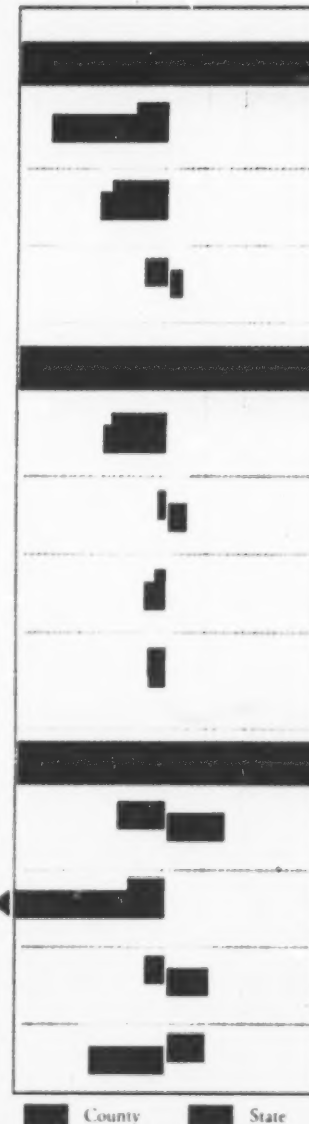
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....4.20%
 - Largest industry.....State & Local Govt.: 21.2%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 20.0%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Mining
- Unemployment rate (1993) 9.00%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse (100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100% Better

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Base Year 1986 Current Year 1991 County Change State Change

11.9% 21.1% 77.3% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

11.5% 16.7% 45.2% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

15.6% 14.2% -9.0% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

22.5% 31.9% 41.8% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

7.0% 6.1% -12.9% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

4.1% 4.7% 14.6% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

11.2% 12.5% 11.6% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

39 24 -38.5% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

1.4% 3.9% 178.6% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

4.3% 3.1% -27.9% 13.8%

Children dying violently

2 3 50.0% -25.2%

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Jackson



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....11,748
- Children under age 18.....3,153
 - African American.....0
 - American Indian.....0
 - Asian American.....105
 - European American.....3,003
 - Other.....45
 - Hispanic (of all races).....47
- Children under age 6.....979
- Median family income.....\$28,370

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....2.90%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 37.7%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 13.7%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Transportation/public utilities
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....6.10%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base
Year
1986

Current
Year
1991

County
Change

State
Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

18.4% 15.0% -18.5% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

6.6% 11.0% 66.7% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

7.8% 8.4% 7.7% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

10.3% 13.3% 29.1% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

6.9% 4.7% -31.9% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

3.4% 0.8% -76.5% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

7.5% 7.8% 4.0% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

12 12 0.0% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

0.2% 0.8% 300.0% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

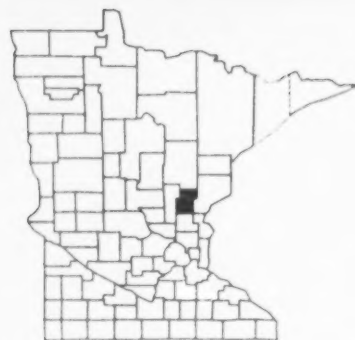
0.0% 2.6% >100% 13.8%

Children dying violently

0 0 - -25.2%

County State

Kanabec



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....12,872
- Children under age 18.....3,865
 - African American.....2
 - American Indian.....18
 - Asian American.....54
 - European American.....3,766
 - Other.....25
 - Hispanic (of all races).....42
- Children under age 6.....1,172
- Median family income.....\$27,445

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.40%
 - Largest industry.....Retail trade: 17.9%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 16.5%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Construction
- Unemployment rate (1993).....7.50%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better

(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base Year 1986 Current Year 1991 County Change State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

17.9% 19.0% 6.1% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

9.7% 14.2% 46.4% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

8.4% 10.4% 23.8% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

17.6% 27.2% 54.5% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

3.2% 10.2% 218.8% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

3.7% 4.1% 10.8% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

13.3% 15.0% 12.8% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

36 9 -75.0% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

3.5% 3.8% 8.6% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

3.5% 10.6% 202.9% 13.8%

Children dying violently

0 2 >100% -25.2%

County State

Kandiyohi



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

• Total population.....	40,012
• Children under age 18.....	11,082
- African American.....	58
- American Indian.....	122
- Asian American.....	66
- European American.....	10,541
- Other.....	295
- Hispanic (of all races).....	689
• Children under age 6.....	3,691
• Median family income.....	\$30,629

ECONOMICS

• Profile (1990)	
- Economic growth rate.....	7.00%
- Largest industry.....	State and local govt.; 20.1%
- Second largest industry.....	Services; 19.6%
• Industry Growth (1980-1990)	
- Fastest.....	Non-durable goods manufacturing
- Slowest.....	Transportation/public utilities
• Unemployment rate (1993).....	3.20%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Family Economics					
	Children in poverty (1979-1989)	10.3%	15.1%	-46.6%	21.6%
	Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	8.4%	12.6%	50.0%	37.3%
	Children dependent on AFDC	9.6%	11.8%	22.9%	15.7%
Birth Circumstances					
	Children born to unmarried parents	11.6%	21.8%	87.9%	36.8%
	Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	3.8%	4.0%	5.3%	6.0%
	Children born to mothers under age 18	1.4%	4.0%	185.7%	8.0%
	Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	8.2%	14.3%	74.4%	12.4%
Signs of Trouble					
	Children abused and neglected	85	77	-9.4%	31.8%
	Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	1.8%	5.1%	183.3%	25.0%
	Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	7.4%	4.7%	-36.5%	13.8%
	Children dying violently	1	6	500.0%	-25.2%
	County		State		

County State

Kittson



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....5,808
- Children under age 18.....1,511
 - African American.....0
 - American Indian.....0
 - Asian American.....2
 - European American.....1,504
 - Other.....5
 - Hispanic (of all races).....23
- Children under age 6.....492
- Median family income.....\$29,643

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.20%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 49.5%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 13.6%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....5.70%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better

(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base Year	Current Year	County Change	State Change
1986	1991		

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

12.9% 13.3% 3.1% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

7.2% 10.3% 43.1% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

5.6% 4.2% -25.0% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

7.8% 7.4% -5.1% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

4.9% 1.9% -61.2% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

1.9% 0.0% -100.0% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education

6.8% 1.9% -72.1% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

12 1 -91.7% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

0.7% 0.4% -42.9% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

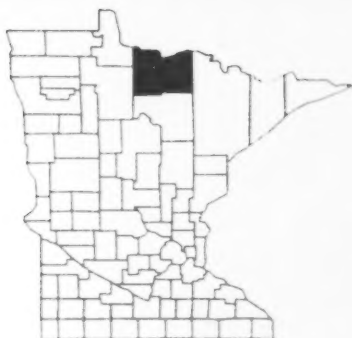
0.0% 0.0% - 13.8%

Children dying violently

0 1 >100% -25.2%

County State

Koochiching



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....16,603
- Children under age 18.....4,219
 - African American.....13
 - American Indian.....170
 - Asian American.....23
 - European American.....3,959
 - Other.....54
 - Hispanic (of all races).....74
- Children under age 6.....1,223
- Median family income.....\$28,211

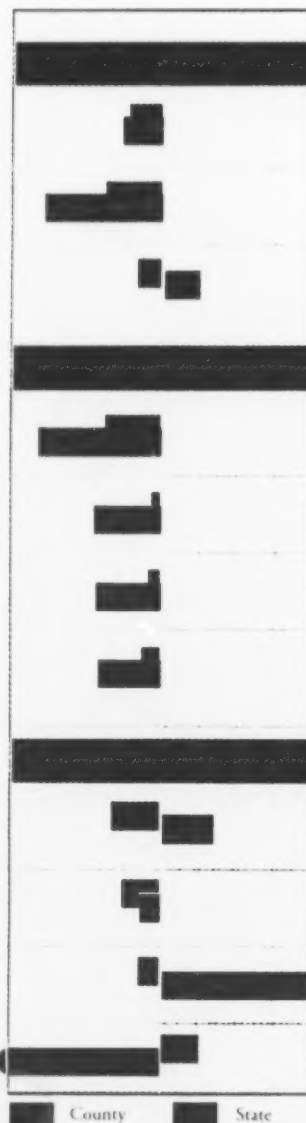
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....8.90%
 - Largest industry.....Construction: 38.7%
 - Second largest industry.....Non-durable goods manufacturing: 21.3%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Construction
 - Slowest.....State and local govt.
- Unemployment rate (1993).....6.50%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

13.1% 16.6% 26.7% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

11.1% 19.8% 78.4% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

13.5% 10.3% -23.7% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

17.4% 31.6% 81.6% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

2.9% 4.2% 44.8% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

2.3% 3.3% 43.5% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

9.3% 13.2% 41.9% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

38 25 -34.2% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

2.2% 2.5% 13.6% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

1.5% 0.0% -100.0% 13.8%

Children dying violently

0 3 >100% -25.2%

Lac Qui Parle



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....8,944
- Children under age 18.....2,354
 - African American.....4
 - American Indian.....5
 - Asian American.....11
 - European American.....2,328
 - Other.....6
 - Hispanic (of all races).....10
- Children under age 6.....748
- Median family income.....\$25,987

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....2.30%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 37.5%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 14.5%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....State and local govt.
 - Slowest.....Wholesale trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.80%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse (100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100% Better

Except where indicated



County State

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	18.6%	14.1%	-24.2%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	5.9%	6.5%	10.2%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	3.6%	2.7%	-25.0%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

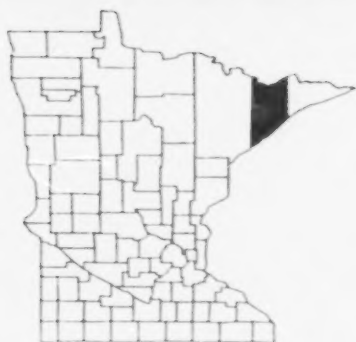
Children born to unmarried parents	9.3%	9.9%	6.5%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	5.4%	1.0%	-81.5%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	2.3%	2.0%	-13.0%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	3.9%	7.9%	102.6%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	7	4	-42.9%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	0.4%	0.1%	-75.0%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	0.0%	0.0%	-	13.8%
Children dying violently	1	0	-100.0%	-25.2%

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Lake



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population 10,448
- Children under age 18 2,513
 - African American 3
 - American Indian 23
 - Asian American 15
 - European American 2,472
 - Other 0
 - Hispanic (of all races) 14
- Children under age 6 765
- Median family income\$28,067

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate 0.20%
 - Largest industry Mining; 20%
 - Second largest industry State and local govt.; 16.9%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest Mining
- Unemployment rate (1993) 6.20%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	4.2%	12.3%	192.9%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	8.7%	13.8%	58.6%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	9.9%	9.4%	-5.1%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

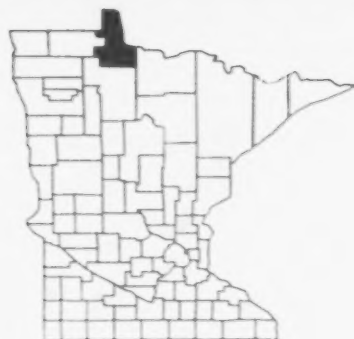
Children born to unmarried parents	10.9%	16.8%	54.1%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	3.6%	5.0%	38.9%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	2.9%	0.0%	-100.0%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	6.6%	5.0%	-24.2%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	8	12	50.0%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	1.0%	1.1%	10.0%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	0.0%	2.2%	>100%	13.8%
Children dying violently	0	0	-	-25.2%

County State

Lake of the Woods



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....4,096
- Children under age 18.....1,143
 - African American.....0
 - American Indian.....12
 - Asian American.....4
 - European American.....1,127
 - Other.....0
 - Hispanic (of all races).....12
- Children under age 6.....405
- Median family income.....\$29,121

ECONOMICS

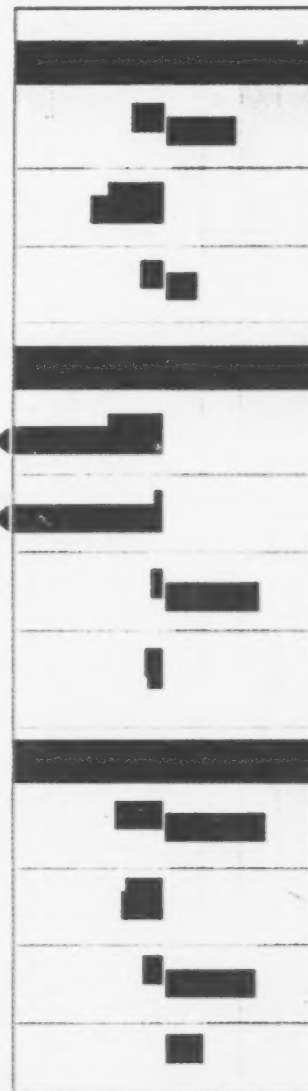
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....7.10%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 19.5%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 19.3%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....2.40%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



County State

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Base Year 1986 Current Year 1991 County Change State Change

20.5% 11.0% -46.3% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

8.6% 12.8% -48.8% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

6.6% 5.2% -21.2% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

7.9% 24.6% 211.4% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

3.2% 8.8% 175.0% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

4.8% 1.8% -62.5% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education

9.5% 10.5% 10.5% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

12 4 -66.7% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

1.8% 2.3% 27.8% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

10.5% 4.2% -60.0% 13.8%

Children dying violently

0 0 - -25.2%

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Le Sueur



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....23,372
- Children under age 18.....6,845
 - African American.....9
 - American Indian.....7
 - Asian American.....50
 - European American.....6,756
 - Other.....23
 - Hispanic (of all races).....73
- Children under age 6.....2,151
- Median family income.....\$32,752

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.40%
 - Largest industry.....Durable goods manufacturing: 16.7%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 15.9%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Non-durable goods manufacturing
- Unemployment rate (1993).....4.70%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	9.7%	8.6%	-11.3%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	6.5%	10.4%	60.0%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	5.4%	5.3%	-1.9%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	10.7%	22.3%	108.4%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	3.3%	6.5%	97.0%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	2.4%	2.8%	16.7%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	8.6%	8.7%	1.2%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	58	44	-24.1%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	1.1%	1.3%	18.2%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	7.3%	16.7%	128.8%	13.8%
Children dying violently	2	1	-50.0%	-25.2%

County State

Lincoln



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....6,899
- Children under age 18.....1,799
 - African American.....0
 - American Indian.....7
 - Asian American.....11
 - European American.....1,777
 - Other.....4
 - Hispanic (of all races).....4
- Children under age 6.....467
- Median family income.....\$24,286

ECONOMICS

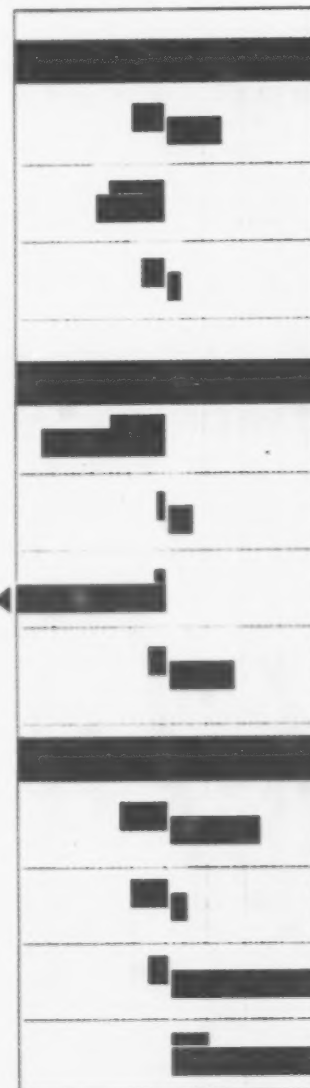
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....4.80%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 43.7%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 16.7%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Transportation/public utilities
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.30%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100% (75% (50% (25% 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%)

Except where indicated



County State

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
28.9%	18.3%	-36.7%	21.6%
5.9%	8.6%	45.8%	37.3%
13.9%	12.6%	-9.4%	15.7%
10.8%	19.7%	82.4%	36.8%
5.4%	4.5%	-16.7%	6.0%
0.0%	3.0%	>100%	8.0%
10.8%	6.1%	-43.5%	12.4%
20	8	-60.0%	31.8%
0.9%	0.8%	-11.1%	25.0%
7.7%	0.0%	-100.0%	13.8%
3	0	-100.0%	-25.2%

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Lyon



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....25,007
- Children under age 18.....6,750
 - African American.....27
 - American Indian.....18
 - Asian American.....63
 - European American.....6,536
 - Other.....106
 - Hispanic (of all races).....129
- Children under age 6.....2,125
- Median family income.....\$30,582

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.70%
 - Largest industry.....Non-durable goods manufacturing: 17.8%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 16.9%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Non-durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....2.50%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better

(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base Year 1986 Current Year 1991 County Change State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	12.9%	11.2%	-13.2%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	7.5%	13.8%	84.0%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	4.1%	3.2%	-22.0%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	10.3%	16.1%	56.3%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	4.8%	1.4%	-70.8%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	0.9%	2.3%	155.6%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	6.6%	9.0%	36.4%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	78	41	-47.4%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	0.6%	1.6%	166.7%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	0.0%	15.8%	>100%	13.8%
Children dying violently	3	2	-33.3%	-25.2%

County State

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Mahnomen



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....5,065
- Children under age 18.....1,574
 - African American.....2
 - American Indian.....518
 - Asian American.....2
 - European American.....1,052
 - Other.....0
 - Hispanic (of all races).....14
- Children under age 6.....422
- Median family income.....\$20,406

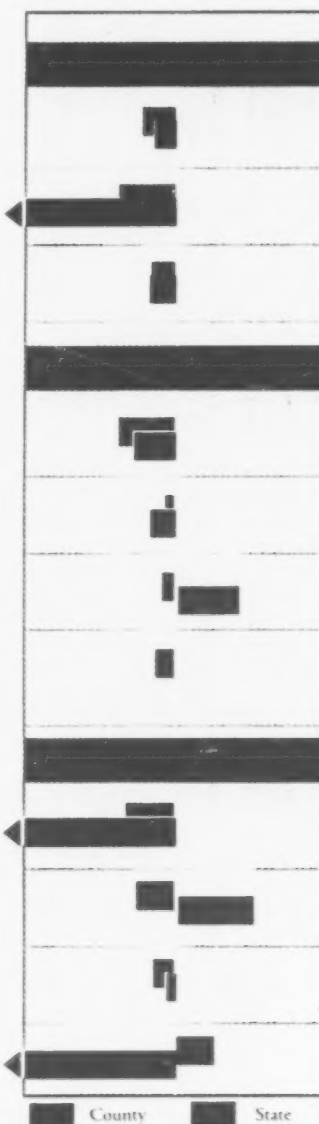
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....9.40%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 33.6%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 20.5%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....6.40%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	29.9%	34.3%	14.7%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	8.3%	18.4%	121.7%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	17.4%	20.5%	17.8%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	31.1%	39.7%	27.7%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	4.1%	4.8%	17.1%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	5.4%	3.2%	-40.7%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	17.6%	17.5%	-0.6%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	4	29	625.0%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	1.6%	0.8%	-50.0%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	6.1%	6.5%	6.6%	13.8%
Children dying violently	0	1	>100%	-25.2%

County State

Marshall



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....11,055
- Children under age 18.....3,181
 - African American.....4
 - American Indian.....15
 - Asian American.....10
 - European American.....3,137
 - Other.....15
 - Hispanic (of all races).....28
- Children under age 6.....874
- Median family income.....\$26,132

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.20%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 50.9%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 12.1%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....8.50%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	18.3%	15.1%	-17.5%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	4.6%	10.8%	134.8%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	3.6%	4.9%	36.1%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	5.8%	16.5%	184.5%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	2.9%	9.0%	210.3%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	0.7%	1.5%	114.3%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	5.8%	10.5%	81.0%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	59	12	-79.7%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	0.6%	0.5%	-16.7%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	0.0%	0.0%	-	13.8%
Children dying violently	1	0	-100.0%	-25.2%

County State

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1994 Report

Martin



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....23,018
- Children under age 18.....6,165
 - African American.....10
 - American Indian.....34
 - Asian American.....80
 - European American.....6,012
 - Other.....29
 - Hispanic (of all races).....46
- Children under age 6.....1,941
- Median family income.....\$29,856

ECONOMICS

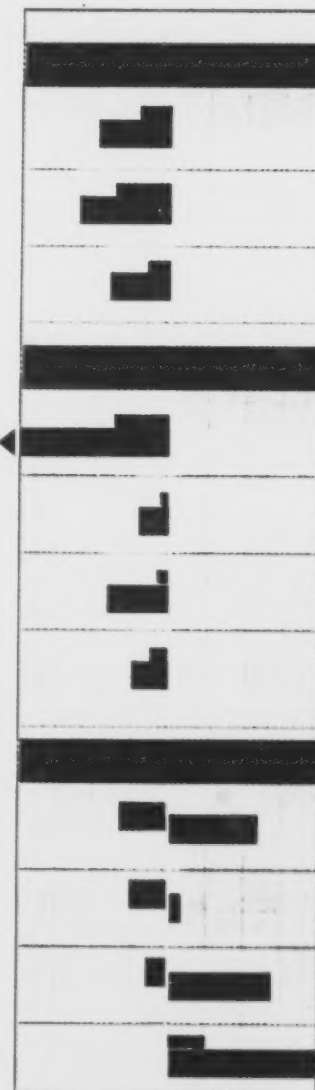
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....4.90%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 18.6%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 17.0%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....6.20%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



County State

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Base
Year
1986

Current
Year
1991

County
Change

State
Change

9.7% 14.4% 48.5% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

8.0% 12.9% 61.3% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

5.4% 7.6% 40.7% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

8.4% 25.1% 198.8% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

3.9% 4.7% 20.5% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

2.9% 4.1% 41.4% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

8.4% 10.5% 25.0% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

68 28 -58.8% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

1.3% 1.2% -7.7% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

10.3% 3.3% -68.0% 13.8%

Children dying violently

1 0 -100.0% -25.2%

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McLeod



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....32,340
- Children under age 18.....9,301
 - African American.....46
 - American Indian.....41
 - Asian American.....45
 - European American.....9,109
 - Other.....60
 - Hispanic (of all races).....175
- Children under age 6.....3,162
- Median family income.....\$35,033

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....6.90%
 - Largest industry.....Non-durable goods manufacturing: 25.5%
 - Second largest industry.....Durable goods manufacturing: 21.4%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Construction
- Unemployment rate (1993).....4.60%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base Year 1986 Current Year 1991 County Change State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty

8.4% 11.2% 14.3% 21.6%

Children in single parent households

7.3% 11.2% 53.4% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

3.6% 3.7% 2.8% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

12.2% 17.1% 40.2% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

4.3% 2.8% 34.9% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

0.7% 1.5% 114.3% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education

5.6% 7.6% 35.7% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

123 113 8.1% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school

0.9% 2.8% 211.1% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people

6.4% 4.9% 23.4% 13.8%

Children dying violently

1 4 300.0% 25.2%

County State



1994 Report

Meeker



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....21,014
- Children under age 18.....6,137
 - African American.....6
 - American Indian.....8
 - Asian American.....63
 - European American.....6,003
 - Other.....57
 - Hispanic (of all races).....101
- Children under age 6.....1,972
- Median family income.....\$29,210

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.80%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 21.8%
 - Second largest industry.....Durable goods: 12.3%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Construction
- Unemployment rate (1993).....6.40%

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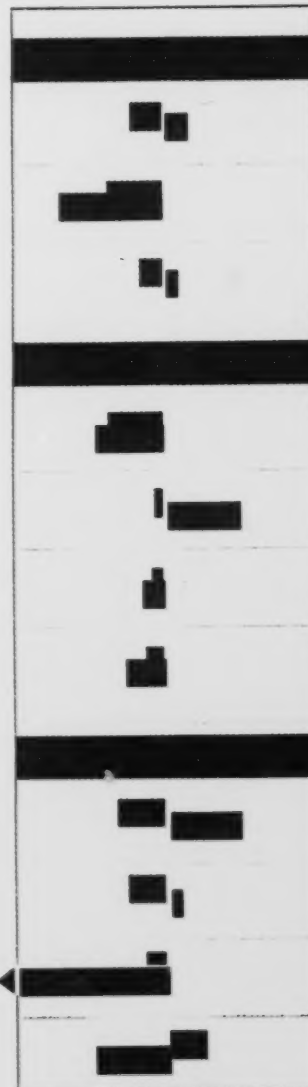
PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse

Better

(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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County State

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base Year	Current Year	County Change	State Change
1986	1991		

14.6% 12.3% -15.8% 21.6%

6.5% 11.0% 69.2% 37.3%

6.9% 6.3% -8.7% 15.7%

13.7% 20.0% 46.0% 36.8%

5.1% 2.6% -49.0% 6.0%

1.9% 2.2% 15.8% 8.0%

9.9% 12.6% 27.3% 12.4%

21 11 -47.6% 31.8%

1.3% 1.2% -7.7% 25.0%

0.0% 6.1% >100% 13.8%

2 3 50.0% -25.2%

197

Mille Lacs



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population 18,776
- Children under age 18 5,436
 - African American 24
 - American Indian 259
 - Asian American 13
 - European American 5,126
 - Other 14
 - Hispanic (of all races) 78
- Children under age 6 1,730
- Median family income \$27,170

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate 7.10%
 - Largest industry Durable goods manufacturing: 22.2%
 - Second largest industry Services: 19.2%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest Farming
- Unemployment rate (1993) 3.90%

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1994 Report

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse (100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100% Better

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	Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
Family Economics				
Children in poverty (1979-1989)	11.5%	16.5%	43.5%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	8.4%	17.7%	110.7%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	11.4%	11.3%	-0.9%	15.7%
Birth Circumstances				
Children born to unmarried parents	17.6%	29.5%	67.6%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	5.1%	5.6%	9.8%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	3.4%	5.6%	64.7%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	13.2%	14.3%	8.3%	12.4%
Signs of Trouble				
Children abused and neglected	74	84	13.5%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	3.6%	1.6%	-55.6%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	2.1%	4.1%	95.2%	13.8%
Children dying violently	2	0	-100.0%	-25.2%

County State

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Morrison



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....29,701
- Children under age 18.....9,281
 - African American.....5
 - American Indian.....6
 - Asian American.....64
 - European American.....9,195
 - Other.....11
 - Hispanic (of all races).....55
- Children under age 6.....2,909
- Median family income.....\$26,784

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....6.70%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 18%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 14.4%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....6.00%

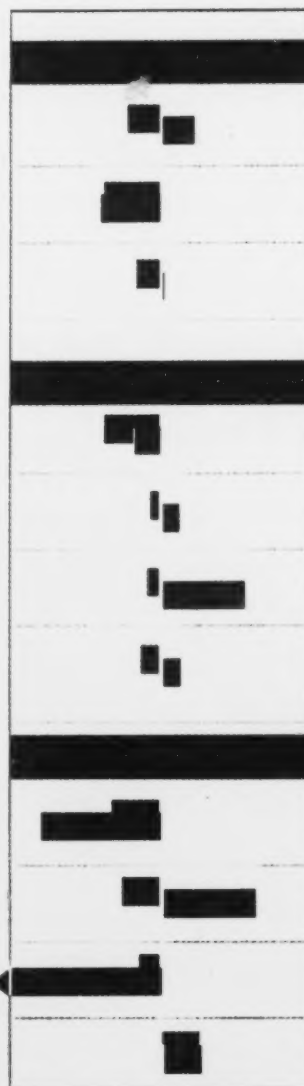
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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better

(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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County State

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

23.2% 18.2% -21.6% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

8.0% 11.2% -40.0% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

7.8% 7.7% -1.3% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

16.0% 18.8% 17.5% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

3.5% 3.1% -11.4% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

4.2% 1.9% -54.8% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

9.2% 8.1% -12.0% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

25 45 80.0% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

3.1% 1.2% -61.3% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

1.2% 3.8% 216.7% 13.8%

Children dying violently

4 3 -25.0% -25.2%

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Mower

DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population \$7,597
- Children under age 18 9,559
 - African American 46
 - American Indian 14
 - Asian American 115
 - European American 9,363
 - Other 21
 - Hispanic (of all races) 122
- Children under age 6 3,083
- Median family income \$29,144

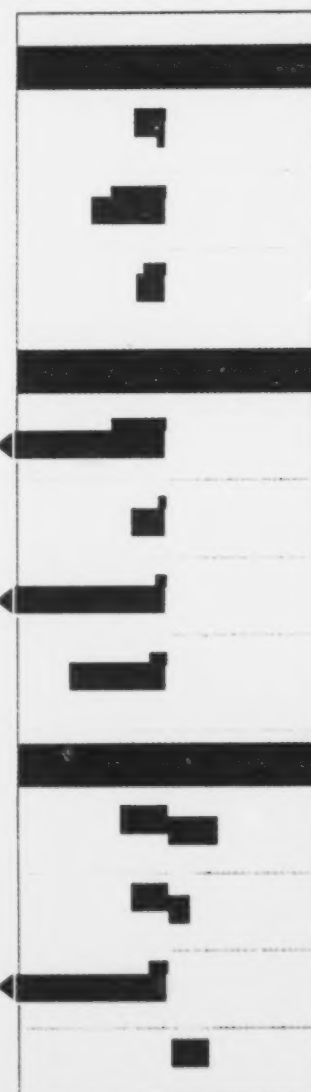
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate 4.20%
 - Largest industry Non-durable goods manufacturing: 25.3%
 - Second largest industry Services: 18.6%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest Farming
 - Slowest Non-durable goods manufacturing
- Unemployment rate (1993) 3.20%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



County State

Family Economics

Children in poverty

Children in single parent households

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school

Children's crimes against people

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

12.1% 12.8% 5.8% 21.6%

10.3% 15.4% 49.5% 37.3%

8.3% 9.9% 19.3% 15.7%

13.2% 28.8% 118.2% 36.8%

4.4% 5.4% 22.7% 6.0%

1.0% 5.0% 400.0% 8.0%

6.1% 10.0% 63.9% 12.4%

81 54 -33.3% 31.8%

4.1% 3.5% -14.6% 25.0%

1.2% 5.8% 383.3% 13.8%

2 2 0.0% -25.2%

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1994 Report

Murray



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....9,675
- Children under age 18.....2,640
 - African American.....0
 - American Indian.....0
 - Asian American.....3
 - European American.....2,624
 - Other.....3
 - Hispanic (of all races).....5
- Children under age 6.....820
- Median family income.....\$26,889

ECONOMICS

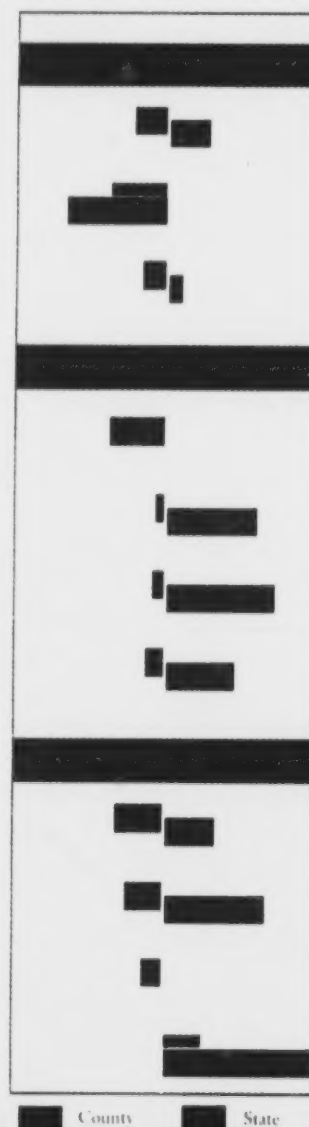
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....2.40%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 35%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 15.3%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.90%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base
Year
1986

Current
Year
1991

County
Change

State
Change

21.8% 15.9% -27.1% 21.6%

5.1% 8.5% -66.7% 37.3%

9.4% 8.5% -9.6% 15.7%

9.4% 9.4% 0.0% 36.8%

5.8% 2.3% -60.3% 6.0%

2.9% 0.8% -72.4% 8.0%

7.2% 3.9% -45.8% 12.4%

12 8 -33.3% 31.8%

0.9% 0.3% -66.7% 25.0%

0.0% 0.0% - 13.8%

2 0 -100.0% -25.2%

Nicollet

DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....28,314
- Children under age 18.....7,360
 - African American.....21
 - American Indian.....17
 - Asian American.....71
 - European American.....7,231
 - Other.....20
 - Hispanic (of all races).....99
- Children under age 6.....2,473
- Median family income.....\$36,521

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....7.80%
 - Largest industry.....Non-durable goods: 17.9%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 17.9%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Non-durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Farming
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.10%



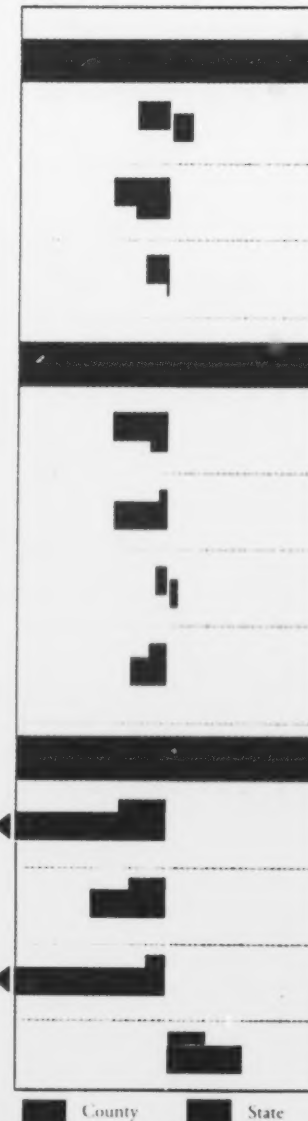
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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Base Year 1986 Current Year 1991 *County Change State Change

10.3% 8.9% -13.6% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

8.7% 10.7% 23.0% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

4.9% 5.0% 2.0% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

10.7% 12.0% 12.1% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

3.9% 5.3% 35.9% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

1.7% 1.6% -5.9% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education

4.1% 5.1% 24.4% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

51 249 388.2% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

1.2% 1.8% 50.0% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

0.8% 3.7% 362.5% 13.8%

Children dying violently

2 1 -50.0% -25.2%

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97

Nobles



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....20,497
- Children under age 18.....5,386
 - African American.....3
 - American Indian.....59
 - Asian American.....99
 - European American.....5,084
 - Other.....141
 - Hispanic (of all races).....175
- Children under age 6.....1,643
- Median family income.....\$28,427

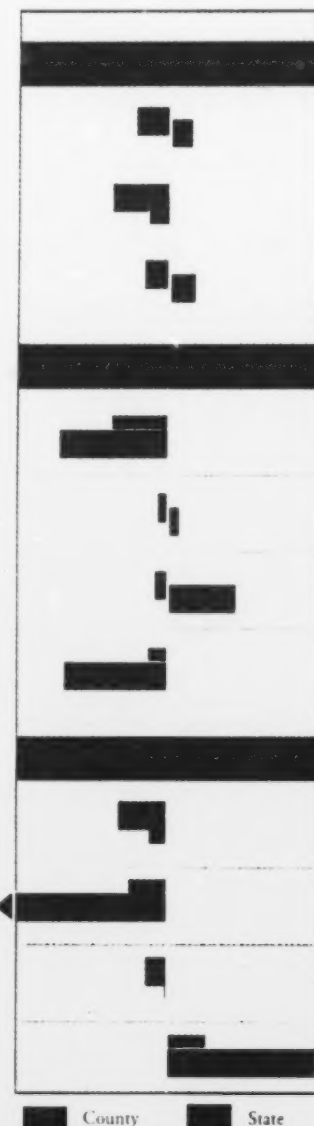
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.10%
 - Largest industry.....Non-durable goods; 17.4%
 - Second largest industry.....Farming; 17.4%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Non-durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.40%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	15.1%	13.0%	-13.9%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	8.8%	10.0%	-13.6%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	7.3%	6.1%	-16.4%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	9.9%	17.0%	-71.7%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	5.9%	5.5%	-6.8%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	1.8%	1.0%	-44.4%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	6.6%	11.1%	-68.2%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	44	49	11.4%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	1.0%	3.2%	220.0%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1980-1990)	8.8%	8.9%	1.1%	13.8%
Children dying violently	1	0	-100.0%	-25.2%

County State

Norman



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....8,059
- Children under age 18.....2,179
 - African American.....4
 - American Indian.....46
 - Asian American.....6
 - European American.....2,110
 - Other.....13
 - Hispanic (of all races).....52
- Children under age 6.....579
- Median family income.....\$26,413

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....7.70%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 46.7%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 12.2%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993) 5.60%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better

(10%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Base Year 1986 16.3% 13.3% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Base Year 1986 10.2% 6.5% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

Base Year 1986 6.5% 51.2% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Base Year 1986 14.8% 146.7% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Base Year 1986 5.7% 42.5% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

Base Year 1986 2.3% 15.0% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Base Year 1986 9.1% 82.0% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Base Year 1986 15 10 -33.3% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Base Year 1986 0.7% 0.7% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Base Year 1986 0.0% 0.0% 13.8%

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986 0 0 -25.2%

County State



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99

Olmsted



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....107,314
- Children under age 18.....29,484
 - African American.....270
 - American Indian.....63
 - Asian American.....1,284
 - European American.....27,820
 - Other.....20
 - Hispanic (of all races).....234
- Children under age 6.....11,155
- Median family income.....\$43,196

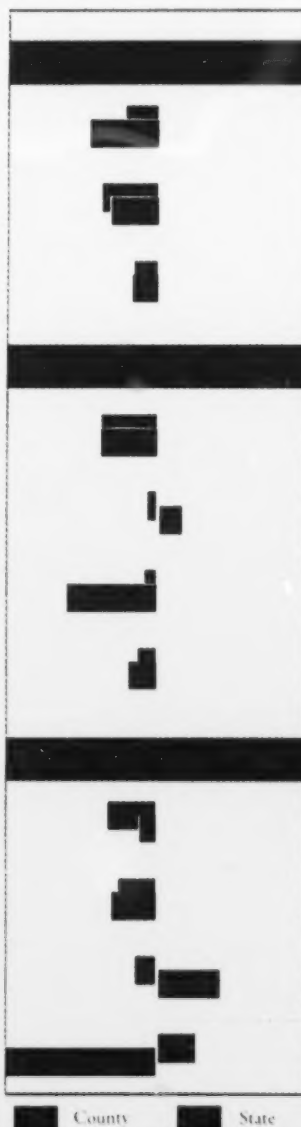
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....8.20%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 42.1%
 - Second largest industry.....Durable goods manufacturing: 24.2%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Retail Trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....5.60%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100% 75% 50% 25% 25% 50% 75% 100%)

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	5.0%	7.3%	46.0%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	9.7%	12.8%	32.0%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	5.1%	6.0%	17.6%	15.7%

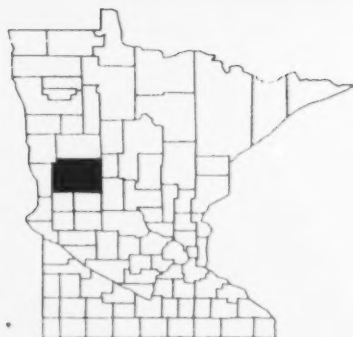
Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	10.6%	14.6%	37.7%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	5.2%	4.4%	15.4%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	1.0%	1.6%	60.0%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	6.3%	7.5%	19.0%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	142	158	11.3%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	2.0%	2.6%	30.0%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	10.5%	6.2%	41.0%	13.8%
Children dying violently	3	6	100.0%	25.2%

Otter Tail



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....50,920
- Children under age 18.....13,448
 - African American.....11
 - American Indian.....88
 - Asian American.....108
 - European American.....13,189
 - Other.....52
 - Hispanic (of all races).....99
- Children under age 6.....4,281
- Median family income.....\$26,805

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....6.40%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 19.0%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 16.0%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Construction
- Unemployment rate (1993).....4.50%



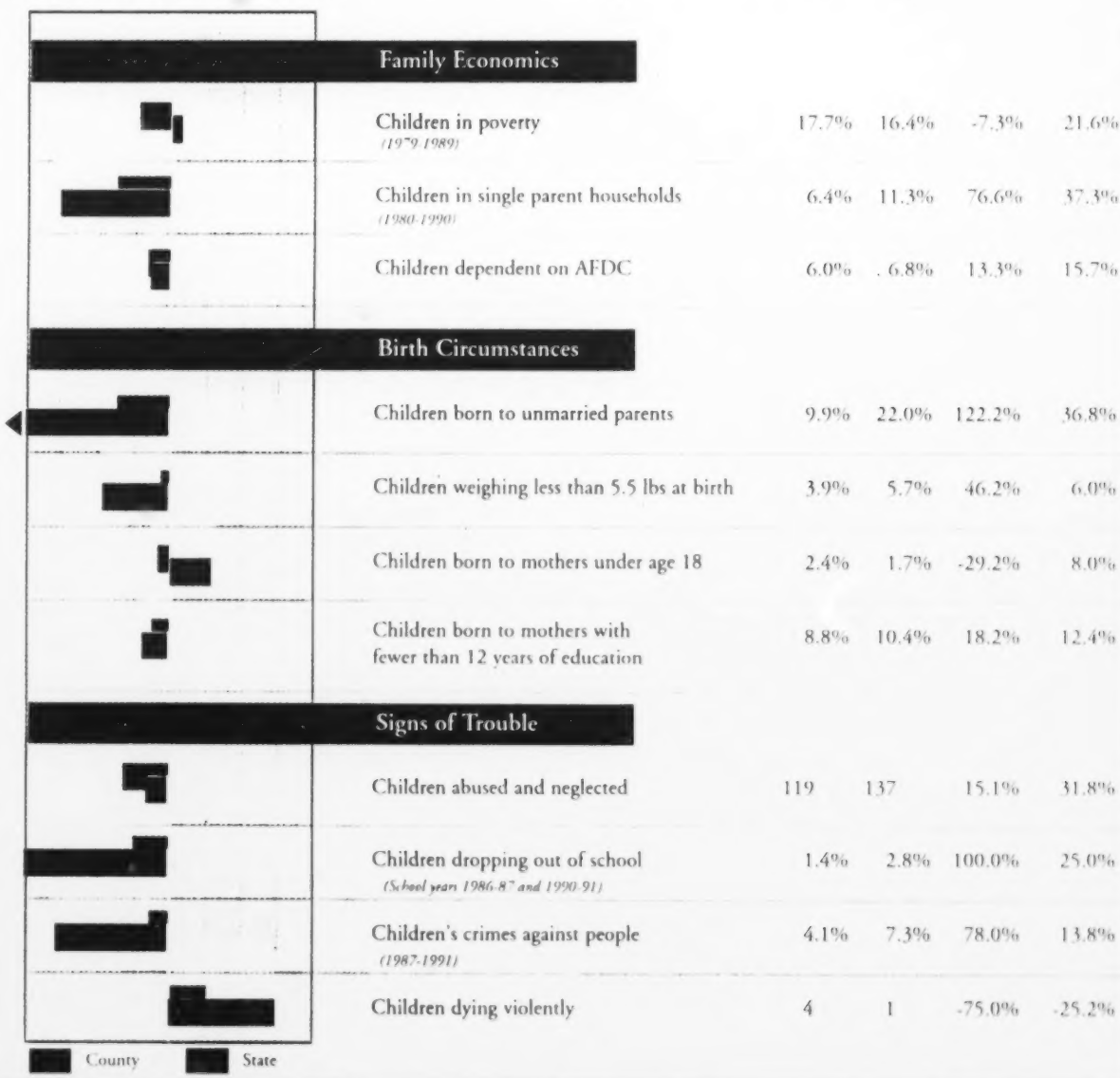
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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
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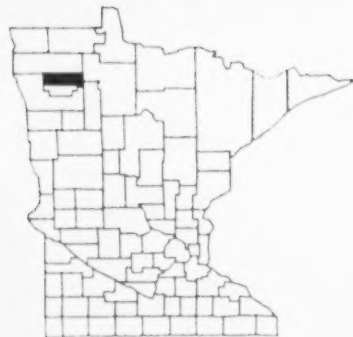
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Pennington



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....13,494
- Children under age 18.....3,632
 - African American.....3
 - American Indian.....30
 - Asian American.....27
 - European American.....3,505
 - Other.....67
 - Hispanic (of all races).....92
- Children under age 6.....1,096
- Median family income.....\$27,301

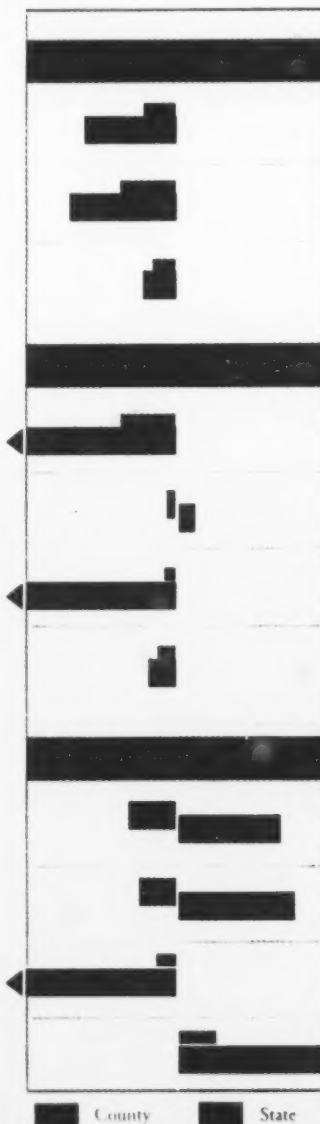
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....4.70%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 19.6%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 17.0%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Transportation/public utilities
- Unemployment rate (1993).....5.40%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%)

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Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
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11.7% 18.9% 61.5% 21.6%

11.2% 19.2% 71.4% 37.3%

9.7% 11.9% 22.7% 15.7%

15.0% 32.2% 114.7% 36.8%

4.5% 4.0% -11.1% 6.0%

1.5% 3.4% 126.7% 8.0%

9.0% 10.7% 18.9% 12.4%

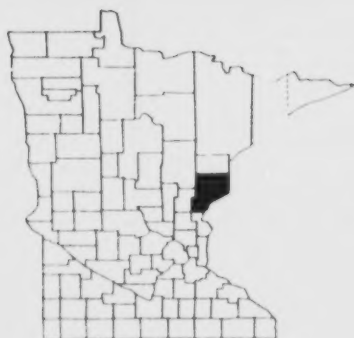
25 8 -68.0% 31.8%

2.2% 0.5% -77.3% 25.0%

0.0% 1.5% >100% 13.8%

2 0 -100.0% -25.2%

Pine



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....21,547
- Children under age 18.....5,972
 - African American.....44
 - American Indian.....119
 - Asian American.....44
 - European American.....5,743
 - Other.....22
 - Hispanic (of all races).....40
- Children under age 6.....1,765
- Median family income.....\$26,131

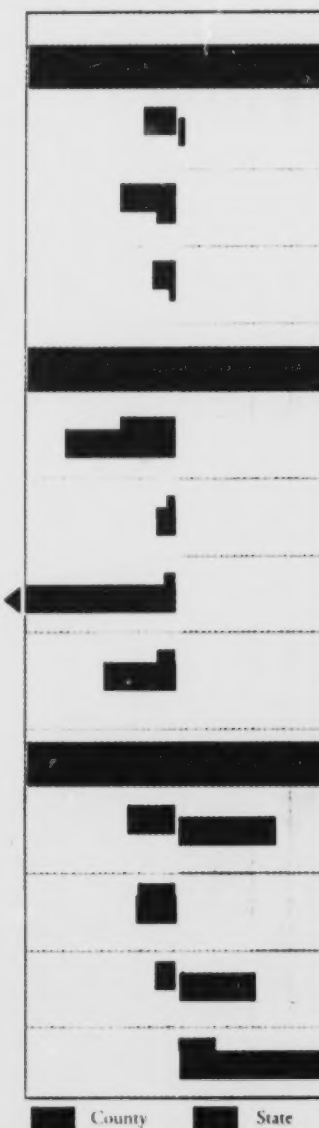
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....6.50%
 - Largest industry.....State and local govt.:
21.9%
 - Second largest industry.....Retail trade:
15.3%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Transportation/public utilities
- Unemployment rate (1993).....5.00%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
16.6%	15.8%	-4.8%	21.6%
12.0%	13.6%	13.3%	37.3%
12.5%	13.1%	4.8%	15.7%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

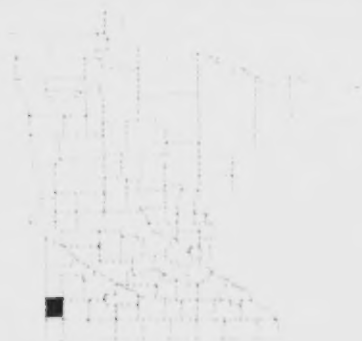
Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Pipestone



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population 10,529
- Children under age 18 2,902
 - African American 12
 - American Indian 97
 - Asian American 13
 - European American 2,780
 - Other 0
 - Hispanic (of all races) 25
- Children under age 6 924
- Median family income\$26,995

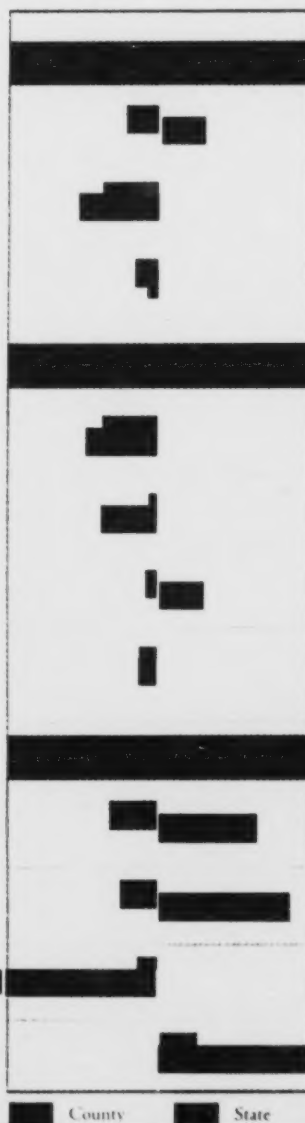
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate 5.20%
 - Largest industry Farming: 23.3%
 - Second largest industry Services: 15.9%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest Wholesale trade
- Unemployment rate (1993) 3.80%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
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23.8%	16.8%	-29.4%	-21.6%
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6.9%	10.6%	53.6%	37.3%
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6.4%	6.9%	7.8%	15.7%
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12.1%	17.9%	47.9%	36.8%
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4.0%	5.5%	37.5%	6.0%
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4.0%	2.8%	-30.0%	8.0%
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10.4%	11.7%	12.5%	12.4%
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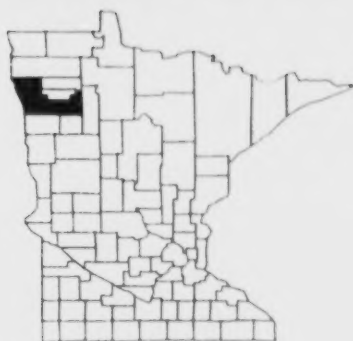
70	24	-65.7%	31.8%
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1.6%	0.2%	-87.5%	25.0%
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0.0%	2.4%	>100%	13.8%
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1	0	-100.0%	-25.2%
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Polk



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....33,466
- Children under age 18.....9,161
 - African American.....39
 - American Indian.....135
 - Asian American.....52
 - European American.....8,751
 - Other.....184
 - Hispanic (of all races).....416
- Children under age 6.....2,885
- Median family income.....\$28,373

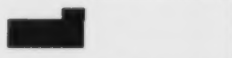
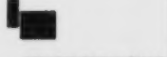
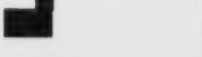
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.80%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 24.6%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 19.9%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Wholesale trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....6.70%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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		Family Economics			
	Children in poverty <i>(1979-1989)</i>	13.1%	16.3%	24.4%	21.6%
	Children in single parent households <i>(1980-1990)</i>	8.9%	15.3%	71.9%	37.3%
	Children dependent on AFDC	13.0%	19.6%	50.8%	15.7%
		Birth Circumstances			
	Children born to unmarried parents	18.0%	23.6%	31.1%	36.8%
	Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	2.7%	4.8%	77.8%	6.0%
	Children born to mothers under age 18	3.3%	2.5%	-24.2%	8.0%
	Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	13.3%	17.6%	32.3%	12.4%
		Signs of Trouble			
	Children abused and neglected	60	147	145.0%	31.8%
	Children dropping out of school <i>(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)</i>	1.8%	2.7%	50.0%	25.0%
	Children's crimes against people <i>(1987-1991)</i>	8.4%	5.6%	-33.3%	13.8%
	Children dying violently	3	2	-33.3%	-25.2%
 County	 State				

County State



1994 Report

Pope



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....10,749
- Children under age 18.....2,971
 - African American.....7
 - American Indian.....11
 - Asian American.....2
 - European American.....2,950
 - Other.....1
 - Hispanic (of all races).....2
- Children under age 6.....933
- Median family income.....\$24,177

ECONOMICS

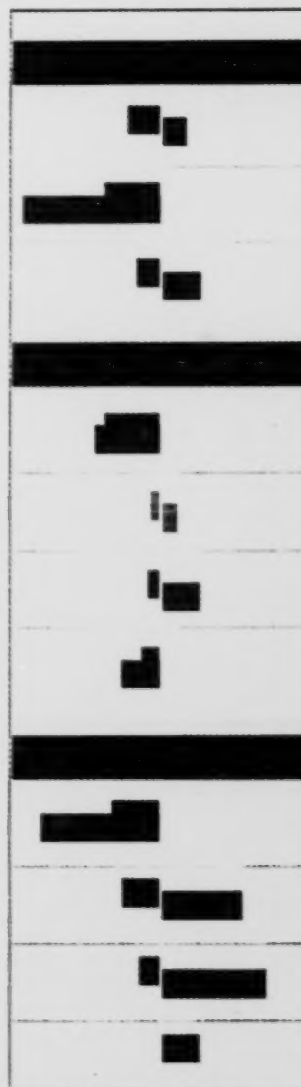
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....4.80%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 25.7%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 17.1%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Durable goods manufacturing
- Unemployment rate (1993).....4.20%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%)

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County State

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
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20.3%	17.5%	-13.8%	21.6%
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5.8%	11.1%	-91.4%	37.3%
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7.9%	5.9%	-25.3%	15.7%
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11.3%	16.2%	43.4%	36.8%
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6.0%	5.4%	-10.0%	6.0%
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2.0%	1.5%	-25.0%	8.0%
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7.3%	9.2%	26.0%	12.4%
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14	25	78.6%	31.8%
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1.5%	0.7%	-53.3%	25.0%
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10.0%	3.1%	-69.0%	13.8%
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0	0	-	-25.2%
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Ramsey

DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....498,222
- Children under age 18.....119,997
 - African American.....8,718
 - American Indian.....1,547
 - Asian American.....12,382
 - European American.....94,981
 - Other.....2,369
 - Hispanic (of all races).....5,446
- Children under age 6.....46,279
- Median family income.....\$39,926

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....6.50%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 22.0%
 - Second largest industry.....Non-durable goods manufacturing: 19.0%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.70%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better

00% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Base Year	Current Year	County Change	State Change
1986	1991		

10.0% 17.2% 72.0% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

17.2% 22.5% 30.8% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

14.0% 18.3% 30.7% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

21.4% 28.4% 32.7% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

6.0% 6.2% 3.3% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

3.3% 3.9% 18.2% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education

10.4% 13.7% 31.7% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

669 1,233 84.3% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

4.9% 6.4% 30.6% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

6.0% 7.5% 25.0% 13.8%

Children dying violently

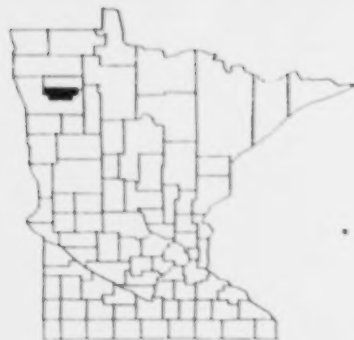
28 13 -53.6% -25.2%

County State

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Red Lake



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....4,592
- Children under age 18.....1,354
 - African American.....0
 - American Indian.....1
 - Asian American.....5
 - European American.....1,312
 - Other.....36
 - Hispanic (of all races).....43
- Children under age 6.....396
- Median family income.....\$25,141

ECONOMICS

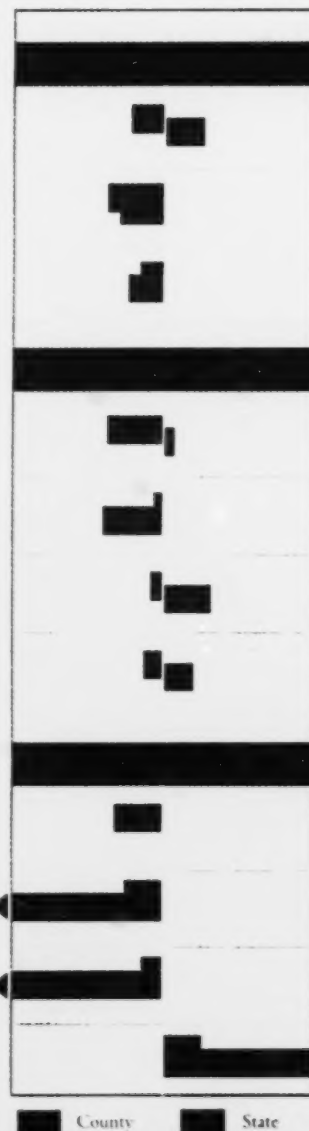
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....6.70%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 44.2%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 13.8%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....11.80%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1980-1989)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1989)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
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21.4%	15.8%	-26.2%	21.6%
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6.5%	8.4%	29.2%	37.3%
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4.3%	5.3%	23.3%	15.7%
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14.3%	13.3%	-7.0%	36.8%
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4.8%	6.7%	39.6%	6.0%
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3.2%	2.2%	-31.3%	8.0%
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11.1%	8.9%	-19.8%	12.4%
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3	3	0.0%	31.8%
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0.2%	0.9%	350.0%	25.0%
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0.0%	0.0%	>100%	13.8%
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2	0	-100.0%	-25.2%
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Redwood

DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....17,299
- Children under age 18.....4,856
 - African American.....4
 - American Indian.....133
 - Asian American.....18
 - European American.....4,697
 - Other.....4
 - Hispanic (of all races).....20
- Children under age 6.....1,582
- Median family income.....\$27,182

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....3.40%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 28.4%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 14%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Wholesale trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....4.30%

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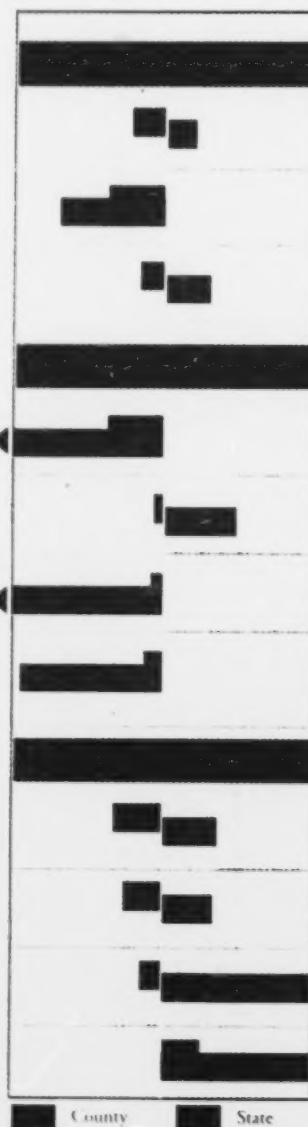


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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
18.1%	14.6%	-19.3%	21.6%
6.3%	10.7%	69.8%	37.3%
5.4%	3.8%	-29.6%	15.7%
7.7%	15.9%	106.5%	36.8%
4.2%	2.2%	-47.6%	6.0%
0.4%	0.9%	125.0%	8.0%
5.0%	9.7%	94.0%	12.4%
36	23	-36.1%	31.8%
1.5%	1.0%	-33.3%	25.0%
5.2%	0.0%	-100.0%	13.8%
3	0	-100.0%	-25.2%

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Renville



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population 17,913
- Children under age 18 4,943
 - African American 0
 - American Indian 25
 - Asian American 32
 - European American 4,799
 - Other 87
 - Hispanic (of all races) 155
- Children under age 6 1,593
- Median family income\$28,109

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate 4.60%
 - Largest industry Farming: 32.9%
 - Second largest industry Services: 13%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest Services
 - Slowest Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993) 4.50%

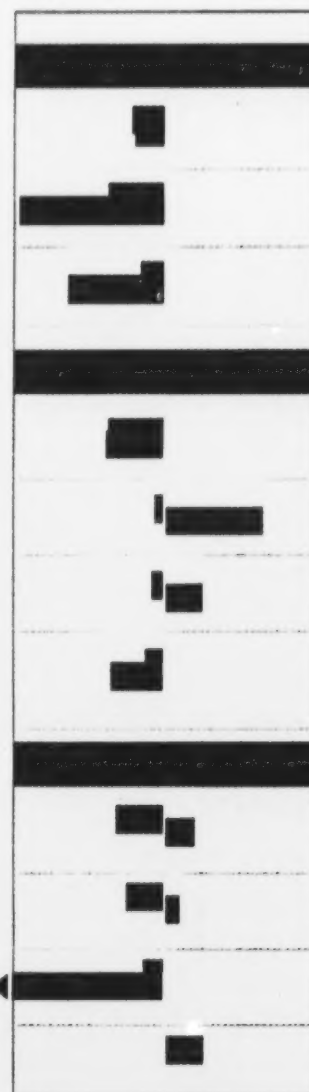
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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better

(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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County State

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

14.6% 17.5% 19.9% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

5.3% 10.4% 96.2% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

3.6% 5.9% 63.9% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

9.6% 13.3% 38.5% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

4.0% 1.4% -65.0% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

3.2% 2.4% -25.0% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

6.0% 8.1% 35.0% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

35 28 -20.0% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

1.0% 0.9% -10.0% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

0.0% 4.1% >100% 13.8%

Children dying violently

2 2 0.0% -25.2%

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Rice

DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....49,505
- Children under age 18.....12,900
 - African American 34
 - American Indian 63
 - Asian American 141
 - European American.....12,620
 - Other 42
 - Hispanic (of all races).....144
- Children under age 6.....4,176
- Median family income.....\$35,587

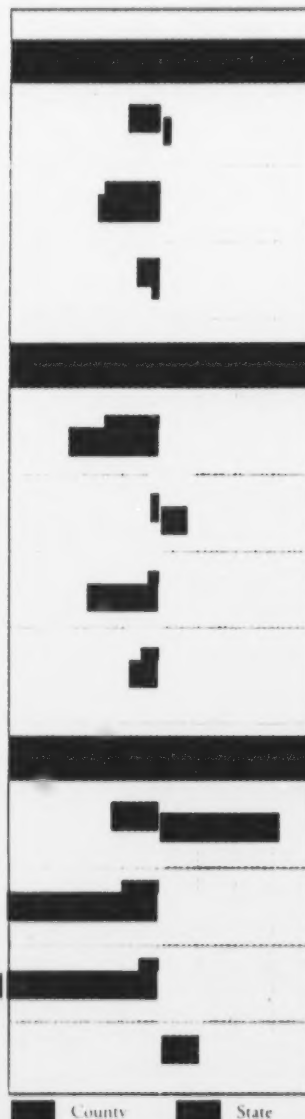
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....7.60%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 28.0%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 17.7%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.90%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	8.3%	7.8%	-6.0%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	9.1%	12.9%	-41.8%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	5.3%	5.6%	5.7%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	14.7%	23.5%	59.9%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	5.5%	4.5%	-18.2%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	1.9%	2.8%	47.4%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	9.3%	11.1%	19.4%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	114	23	-79.8%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	1.8%	3.6%	100.0%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	1.2%	4.3%	258.3%	13.8%
Children dying violently	3	3	0.0%	-25.2%



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Rock

DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population 9,826
- Children under age 18 2,803
 - African American 6
 - American Indian 24
 - Asian American 18
 - European American 2,753
 - Other 2
 - Hispanic (of all races) 9
- Children under age 6 859
- Median family income\$28,811

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate 3.10%
 - Largest industry Farming: 33.3%
 - Second largest industry Services: 13.1%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest State and local govt.
 - Slowest Farming
- Unemployment rate (1993) 2.30%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better

100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



County State

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

18.8% 15.3% -18.6% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

4.8% 9.0% 87.5% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

4.4% 5.4% 22.7% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

6.0% 11.8% 96.7% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

2.3% 1.7% -26.1% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

0.8% 2.5% 212.5% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

3.0% 3.4% 13.3% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

17 11 -35.3% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

0.5% 1.2% 140.0% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

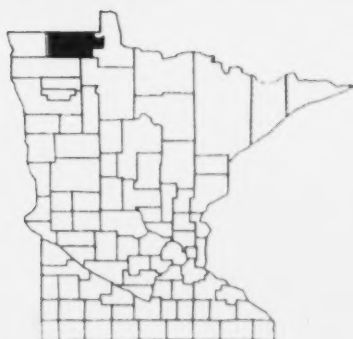
3.8% 0.0% -100.0% 13.8%

Children dying violently

0 0 - -25.2%

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Roseau



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....15,042
- Children under age 18.....4,658
 - African American.....2
 - American Indian.....68
 - Asian American.....39
 - European American.....4,543
 - Other.....6
 - Hispanic (of all races).....10
- Children under age 6.....1,702
- Median family income.....\$30,251

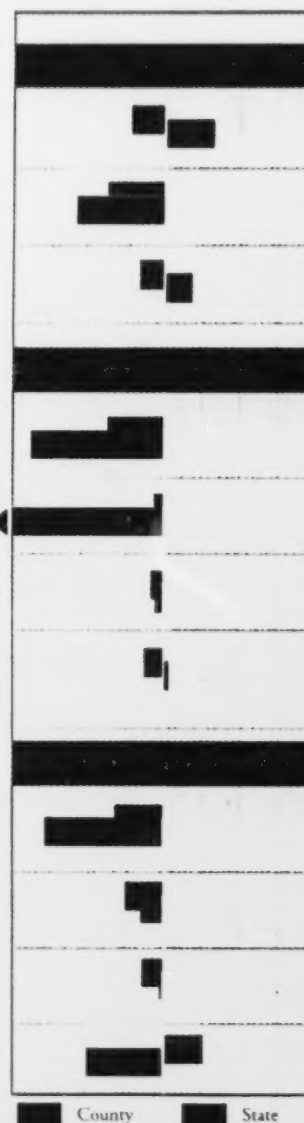
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....12.60%
 - Largest industry.....Durable goods manufacturing: 52.4%
 - Second largest industry.....Farming: 16.3%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993) 3.10%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
17.3%	11.8%	-31.8%	21.6%
8.1%	12.8%	58.0%	37.3%
3.9%	3.2%	-17.9%	15.7%
8.1%	15.2%	87.6%	36.8%
1.7%	4.8%	182.4%	6.0%
2.1%	2.2%	4.8%	8.0%
9.4%	9.1%	-3.2%	12.4%
9	16	77.8%	31.8%
0.7%	0.8%	14.3%	25.0%
6.3%	6.4%	1.6%	13.8%
2	3	50.0%	-25.2%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

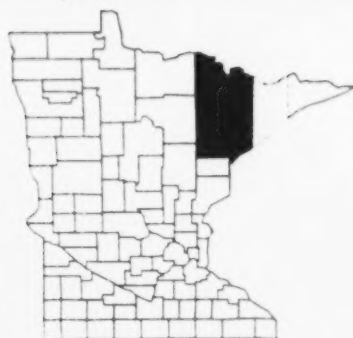
Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently



St. Louis



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....199,145
- Children under age 18.....48,419
 - African American.....364
 - American Indian.....1,464
 - Asian American.....432
 - European American.....46,061
 - Other.....98
 - Hispanic (of all races).....395
- Children under age 6.....14,875
- Median family income.....\$43,890

ECONOMICS

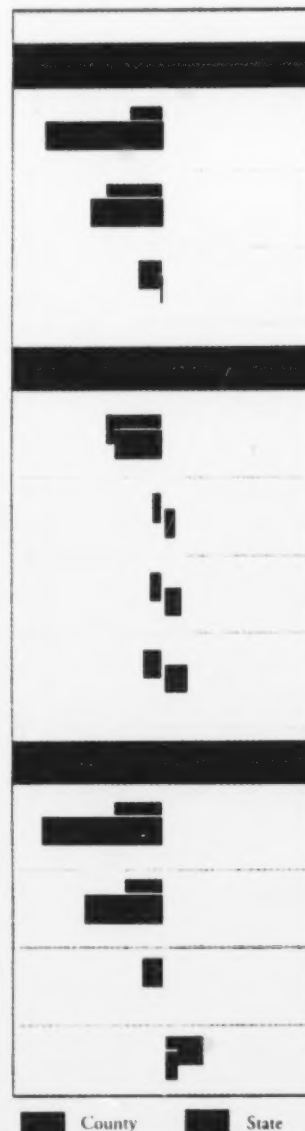
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....3.20%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 25.0%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 18.3%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Mining
- Unemployment rate (1993).....6.10%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
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8.8%	15.7%	78.4%	21.6%
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13.2%	19.6%	48.5%	37.3%
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16.5%	16.8%	1.8%	15.7%
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21.2%	27.9%	31.6%	36.8%
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5.5%	5.1%	-7.3%	6.0%
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3.5%	3.1%	-11.4%	8.0%
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12.4%	10.5%	-15.3%	12.4%
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284	510	79.6%	31.8%
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2.7%	4.1%	51.9%	25.0%
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5.1%	5.1%	0.0%	13.8%
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12	11	-8.3%	-25.2%
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DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....58,213
- Children under age 18.....18,024
 - African American.....96
 - American Indian.....128
 - Asian American.....232
 - European American.....17,530
 - Other.....38
 - Hispanic (of all races).....168
- Children under age 6.....6,413
- Median family income.....\$39,261

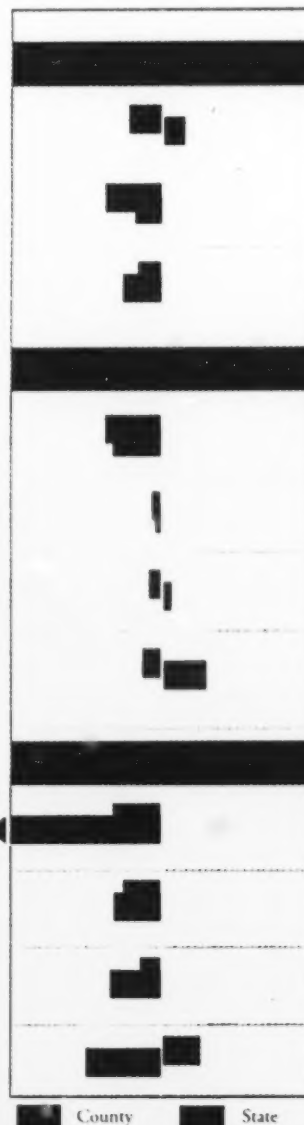
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....8.30%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 21.5%
 - Second largest industry.....Durable goods manufacturing: 14.1%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Durable goods manufacturing
- Unemployment rate (1993).....5.90%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



County State

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
5.0%	4.3%	-14.0%	21.6%
8.3%	9.8%	18.1%	37.3%
2.7%	3.4%	25.9%	15.7%
9.9%	13.1%	32.3%	36.8%
5.0%	5.2%	4.0%	6.0%
1.8%	1.7%	-5.6%	8.0%
6.3%	4.5%	-28.6%	12.4%
34	140	311.8%	31.8%
1.9%	1.3%	31.6%	25.0%
4.7%	6.3%	34.0%	13.8%
2	3	50.0%	-25.2%

Sherburne



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....42,266
- Children under age 18.....13,135
 - African American.....23
 - American Indian.....50
 - Asian American.....90
 - European American.....12,929
 - Other.....43
 - Hispanic (of all races).....157
- Children under age 6.....4,358
- Median family income.....\$29,436

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....9.80%
 - Largest industry.....Transportation/public utilities: 20.8%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 15.8%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Farming
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.50%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1980)	8.0%	7.0%	-12.5%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	7.9%	10.4%	31.6%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	5.2%	5.2%	0.0%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	12.8%	13.4%	4.7%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	2.7%	5.3%	96.3%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	3.7%	0.8%	-78.4%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	10.8%	7.4%	-31.5%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	58	41	-29.3%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	2.4%	3.1%	29.2%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	2.1%	1.9%	-9.5%	13.8%
Children dying violently	5	2	-60.0%	-25.2%

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Sibley



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....14,475
- Children under age 18.....4,094
 - African American.....0
 - American Indian.....2
 - Asian American.....26
 - European American.....4,052
 - Other.....14
 - Hispanic (of all races).....59
- Children under age 6.....1,320
- Median family income.....\$31,150

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.10%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 32.4%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 15.6%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Retail Trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....5.00%

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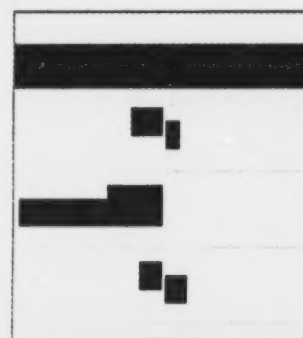
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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better

(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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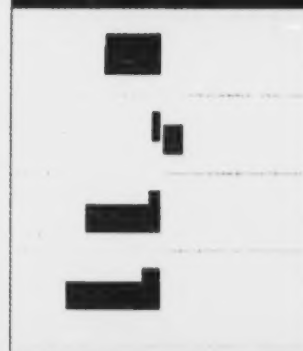


Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC



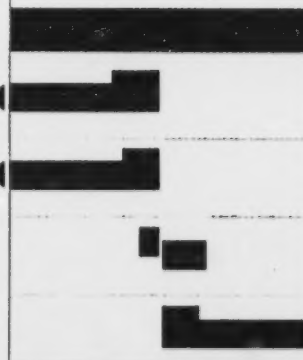
Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education



Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

County State

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
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14.2%	12.8%	-9.9%	21.6%
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4.7%	9.2%	95.7%	37.3%
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4.6%	3.9%	-15.2%	15.7%
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7.7%	10.6%	37.7%	36.8%
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5.2%	4.5%	-13.5%	6.0%
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1.0%	1.5%	50.0%	8.0%
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4.6%	7.5%	63.0%	12.4%
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8	37	362.5%	31.8%
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1.0%	2.3%	130.0%	25.0%
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9.1%	6.4%	-29.7%	13.8%
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3	0	-100.0%	-25.2%
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DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....119,268
- Children under age 18.....33,430
 - African American 205
 - American Indian 178
 - Asian American 176
 - European American.....32,806
 - Other 65
 - Hispanic (of all races).....203
- Children under age 6.....10,985
- Median family income.....\$32,949

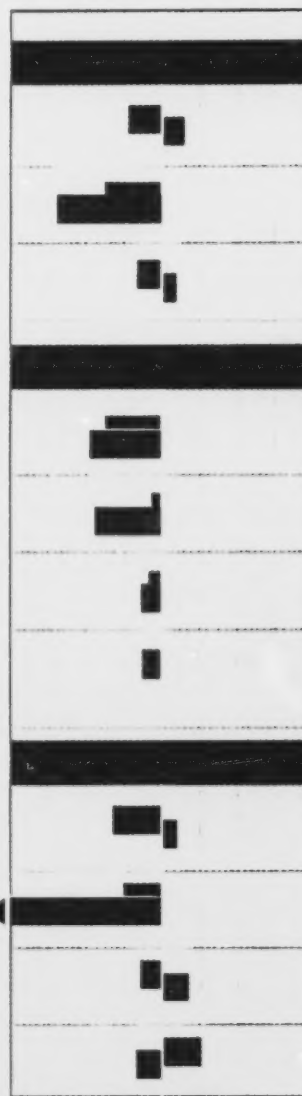
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....8.10%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 23.1%
 - Second largest industry.....Retail trade: 15.1%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Transportation/public utilities
- Unemployment rate (1993) 4.20%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



County State

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
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11.5%	9.9%	-13.9%	21.6%
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7.5%	12.7%	69.3%	37.3%
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5.7%	5.2%	-8.8%	15.7%
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12.5%	18.4%	47.2%	36.8%
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4.1%	5.9%	43.9%	6.0%
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1.5%	1.7%	13.3%	8.0%
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5.9%	5.9%	0.0%	12.4%
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117	106	-9.4%	31.8%
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0.5%	1.2%	140.0%	25.0%
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5.3%	4.4%	-17.0%	13.8%
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6	7	16.7%	-25.2%
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Steele



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

• Total population	31,355
• Children under age 18	8,769
- African American	50
- American Indian	21
- Asian American	130
- European American	8,427
- Other	141
- Hispanic (of all races)	251
• Children under age 6	2,972
• Median family income	\$36,158

ECONOMICS

• Profile (1990)	
- Economic growth rate	6.10%
- Largest industry	Durable goods manufacturing: 33.6%
- Second largest industry	Services: 13%
• Industry Growth (1980-1990)	
- Fastest	Services
- Slowest	Farming
• Unemployment rate (1993)	3.80%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

County		Family Economics			
	Children in poverty <i>(1979-1989)</i>	7.7%	7.7%	0.0%	21.6%
	Children in single parent households <i>(1980-1990)</i>	8.4%	10.3%	22.6%	37.3%
	Children dependent on AFDC	4.0%	4.7%	17.5%	15.7%
County		Birth Circumstances			
	Children born to unmarried parents	12.6%	12.7%	0.8%	36.8%
	Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	3.6%	4.6%	27.8%	6.0%
	Children born to mothers under age 18	1.4%	1.2%	-14.3%	8.0%
	Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	7.2%	8.0%	11.1%	12.4%
County		Signs of Trouble			
	Children abused and neglected	125	100	-20.0%	31.8%
	Children dropping out of school <i>(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)</i>	1.3%	1.9%	46.2%	25.0%
	Children's crimes against people <i>(1987-1991)</i>	3.3%	5.5%	66.7%	13.8%
	Children dying violently	3	2	-33.3%	-25.2%
	County		State		

County State



Stevens

DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....10,714
- Children under age 18.....2,516
 - African American.....34
 - American Indian.....16
 - Asian American.....55
 - European American.....2,393
 - Other.....18
 - Hispanic (of all races).....36
- Children under age 6.....777
- Median family income.....\$29,345

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....4.50%
 - Largest industry.....State and local govt.: 23.2%
 - Second largest industry.....Farming: 21.1%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Farming
- Unemployment rate (1993).....2.40%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better

100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



County State

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1970-1980)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
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18.4%	15.2%	-17.4%	21.6%
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7.5%	11.3%	50.7%	37.3%
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6.1%	6.0%	-1.6%	15.7%
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7.1%	15.0%	111.3%	36.8%
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4.3%	3.7%	-14.0%	6.0%
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1.4%	2.8%	100.0%	8.0%
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0.0%	5.6%	>100%	12.4%
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3	5	66.7%	31.8%
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0.6%	0.1%	-83.3%	25.0%
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16.7%	2.9%	-82.6%	13.8%
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0	0	-	-25.2%
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Swift



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....10,784
- Children under age 18.....2,797
 - African American.....0
 - American Indian.....2
 - Asian American.....19
 - European American.....2,769
 - Other.....7
 - Hispanic (of all races).....39
- Children under age 6.....843
- Median family income.....\$24,434

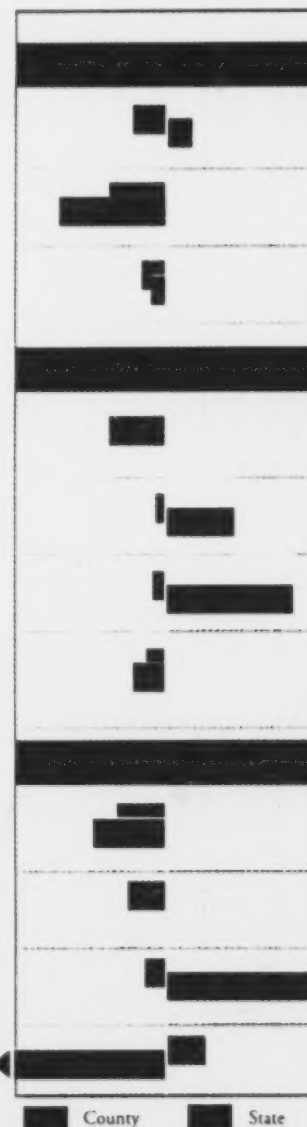
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....5.10%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 36.3%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 14.8%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Durable goods manufacturing
- Unemployment rate (1993) 3.90%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	18.5%	15.5%	-16.2%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	5.8%	9.9%	70.7%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	7.2%	7.9%	9.7%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	15.4%	15.4%	0.0%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	5.1%	2.8%	-45.1%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	4.4%	0.7%	-84.1%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	8.1%	9.8%	21.0%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	19	28	47.4%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	1.2%	1.2%	0.0%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	5.1%	0.0%	-100.0%	13.8%
Children dying violently	0	2	>100%	-25.2%

County State



1994 Report

Todd



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....23,423
- Children under age 18.....7,153
 - African American 3
 - American Indian 20
 - Asian American 30
 - European American.....7,096
 - Other 4
 - Hispanic (of all races).....19
- Children under age 6.....2,079
- Median family income.....\$23,462

ECONOMICS

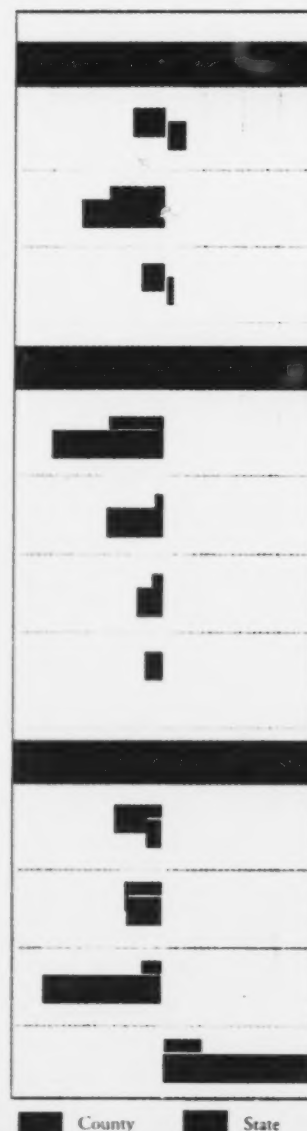
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....6.20%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 22.2%
 - Second largest industry.....Non-durable goods manufacturing: 18.5%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest ..Non-durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993) 5.00%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Base Year 1986 Current Year 1991 County Change State Change

23.4% 20.5% -12.4% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

6.9% 10.7% 55.1% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

8.4% 8.0% -4.8% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

12.6% 21.9% 73.8% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

4.5% 6.2% 37.8% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

3.4% 4.0% 17.6% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education

10.2% 10.2% 0.0% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

39 43 10.3% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

1.3% 1.6% 23.1% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

2.3% 4.1% 78.3% 13.8%

Children dying violently

1 0 -100.0% -25.2%

County State

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Traverse



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....4,475
- Children under age 18.....1,179
 - African American.....0
 - American Indian.....44
 - Asian American.....15
 - European American.....1,120
 - Other.....0
 - Hispanic (of all races).....6
- Children under age 6.....366
- Median family income.....\$24,830

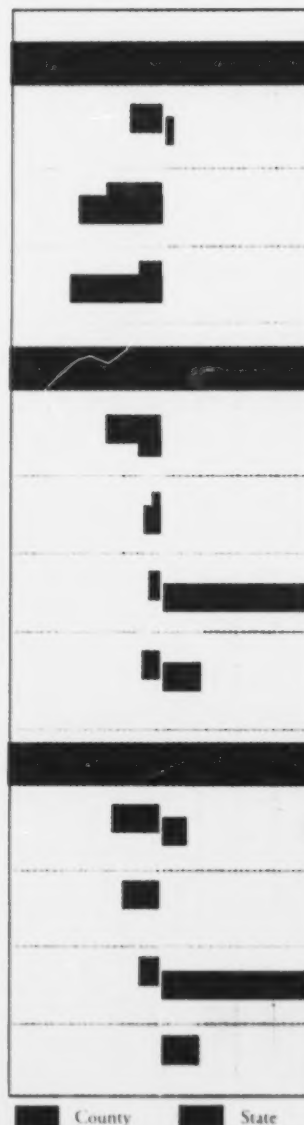
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....6.00%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 48.0%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 12.1%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....4.90%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Base Year 1986 Current Year 1991 County Change State Change

21.4% 20.2% -5.6% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

5.7% 8.9% 56.1% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

4.7% 7.6% 61.7% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

11.4% 13.2% 15.8% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

5.1% 5.7% 11.8% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

1.3% 0.0% -100.0% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education

5.1% 3.8% -25.5% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

12 10 -16.7% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

0.9% - - 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

16.7% 0.0% -100.0% 13.8%

Children dying violently

0 0 - -25.2%



1994 Report

Wabasha



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....19,793
- Children under age 18.....5,692
 - African American.....2
 - American Indian.....2
 - Asian American.....20
 - European American.....5,668
 - Other.....0
 - Hispanic (of all races).....32
- Children under age 6.....1,902
- Median family income.....\$32,023

ECONOMICS

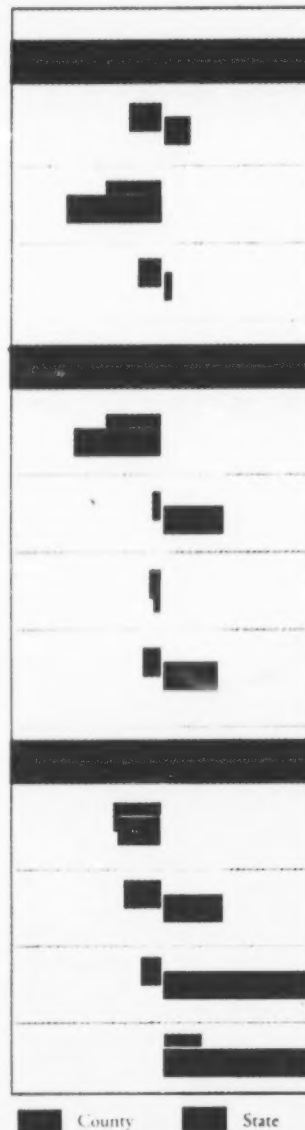
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....3.90%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 16.1%
 - Second largest industry.....Farming: 14.9%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Transportation/public utilities
 - Slowest.....Durable goods manufacturing
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.80%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
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11.3%	9.3%	-17.7%	21.6%
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7.4%	12.1%	-63.5%	37.3%
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5.2%	4.9%	-5.8%	15.7%
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10.7%	16.9%	-57.9%	36.8%
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4.7%	2.8%	-40.4%	6.0%
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2.0%	2.1%	5.0%	8.0%
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10.4%	6.6%	-36.5%	12.4%
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28	36	28.6%	31.8%
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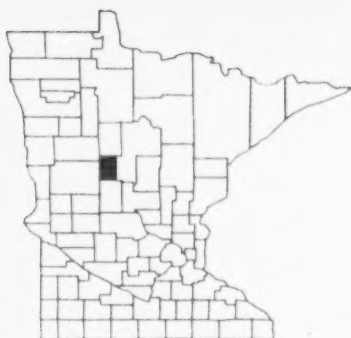
1.0%	0.6%	-40.0%	25.0%
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4.1%	0.0%	-100.0%	13.8%
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3	0	-100.0%	-25.2%
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Wadena



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population 13,171
- Children under age 18 3,733
 - African American 0
 - American Indian 34
 - Asian American 14
 - European American 3,685
 - Other 0
 - Hispanic (of all races) 4
- Children under age 6 1,188
- Median family income\$22,872

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate 5.60%
 - Largest industry State and local govt.: 18.5%
 - Second largest industry Services: 17.6%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest Farming
 - Slowest Construction
- Unemployment rate (1993) 5.50%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	19.3%	23.0%	19.2%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	7.5%	17.4%	132.0%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	12.0%	11.7%	-2.5%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	14.9%	24.6%	65.1%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	5.3%	3.4%	-35.8%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	3.1%	2.8%	-9.7%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	8.3%	12.3%	48.2%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	42	89	111.9%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	1.8%	0.9%	-50.0%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	0.0%	2.6%	>100%	13.8%
Children dying violently	1	1	0.0%	-25.2%

County State



Waseca



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....18,226
- Children under age 18.....5,210
 - African American.....17
 - American Indian.....17
 - Asian American.....35
 - European American.....5,113
 - Other.....28
 - Hispanic (of all races).....61
- Children under age 6.....1,631
- Median family income.....\$32,282

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....6.20%
 - Largest industry.....Non-durable goods manufacturing: 23.0%
 - Second largest industry.....Durable goods manufacturing: 17.9%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....4.10%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse (100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100% Better

Except where indicated

	Base Year 1986	Current Year 1991	County Change	State Change
Family Economics				
Children in poverty (1979-1989)	8.3%	11.3%	36.1%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	8.1%	13.2%	63.0%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	6.2%	5.6%	-9.7%	15.7%
Birth Circumstances				
Children born to unmarried parents	11.8%	20.8%	76.3%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	2.8%	4.6%	64.3%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	2.0%	1.7%	-15.0%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	9.1%	5.8%	-36.3%	12.4%
Signs of Trouble				
Children abused and neglected	40	38	-5.0%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	0.9%	1.5%	66.7%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	5.3%	4.4%	-17.0%	13.8%
Children dying violently	1	1	0.0%	-25.2%

County State

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Washington

DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....147,885
- Children under age 18.....44,335
 - African American.....564
 - American Indian.....235
 - Asian American.....835
 - European American.....42,438
 - Other.....263
 - Hispanic (of all races).....978
- Children under age 6.....14,880
- Median family income.....\$48,098

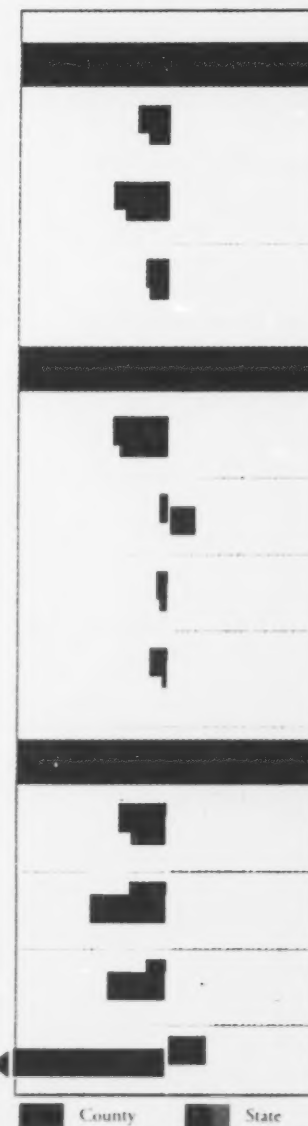
ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....9.40%
 - Largest industry.....Durable goods manufacturing: 22.9%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 17.8%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Finance/insurance/real estate
 - Slowest.....Transportation/public utilities
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.30%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse (100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100% Better

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Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	4.8%	5.5%	14.6%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	9.8%	12.7%	29.6%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	3.8%	4.3%	13.2%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	11.5%	15.2%	32.2%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	5.8%	4.8%	-17.2%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	1.8%	2.0%	5.3%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	5.8%	6.0%	3.4%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	178	219	23.0%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	2.6%	3.9%	50.0%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	6.8%	9.4%	38.2%	13.8%
Children dying violently	3	7	133.3%	-25.2%

Base Year 1986
Current Year 1991
County Change
State Change

Watsonwan

DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population 12,236
- Children under age 18 3,265
 - African American 20
 - American Indian 2
 - Asian American 30
 - European American 2,998
 - Other 215
 - Hispanic (of all races) 245
- Children under age 6 1,105
- Median family income\$27,625

ECONOMICS

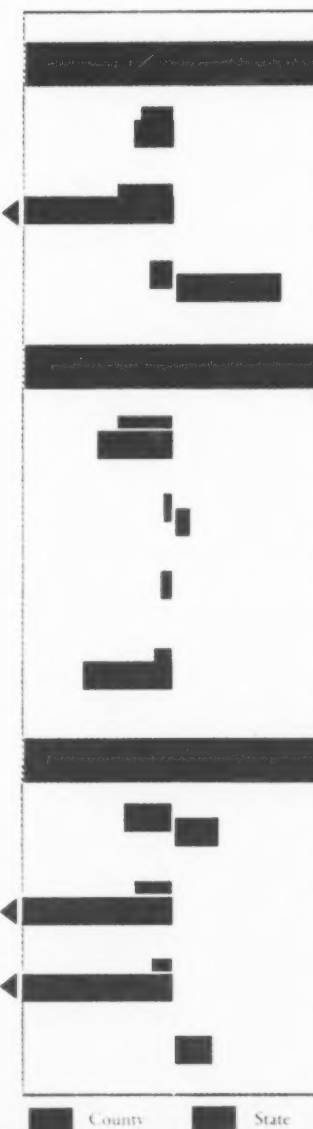
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate 3.90%
 - Largest industry Farming: 25.5%
 - Second largest industry Non-durable goods manufacturing: 21.3%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest Non-durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest Farming
- Unemployment rate (1993) 4.00%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty

(1979-1989)

Children in single parent households

(1980-1990)

Children dependent on AFDC

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

Children born to mothers under age 18

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

Children dropping out of school

(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

Children's crimes against people

(1987-1991)

Children dying violently

Base Year	Current Year	County Change	State Change
1986	1991		

12.6% 16.0% 27.0% 21.6%

5.2% 12.1% 132.7% 37.3%

10.4% 3.1% -70.2% 15.7%

15.8% 23.8% 50.6% 36.8%

6.8% 6.1% -10.3% 6.0%

2.8% 2.8% 0.0% 8.0%

10.7% 17.1% 59.8% 12.4%

41 29 -29.3% 31.8%

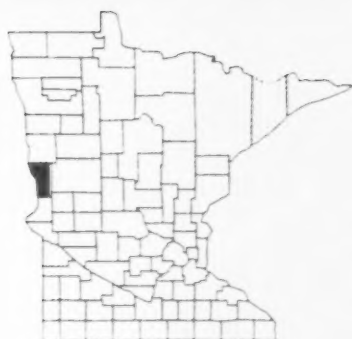
0.6% 1.6% 166.7% 25.0%

3.6% 11.6% 222.2% 13.8%

1 1 0.0% -25.2%

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Wilkin



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....7,603
- Children under age 18.....2,112
 - African American.....0
 - American Indian.....25
 - Asian American.....5
 - European American.....2,073
 - Other.....9
 - Hispanic (of all races).....36
- Children under age 6.....658
- Median family income.....\$28,726

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....3.70%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 35.3%
 - Second largest industry.....Services: 19.6%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....2.80%

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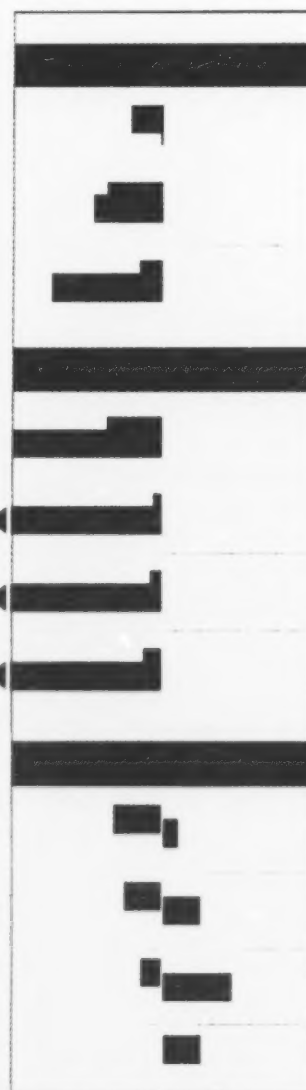
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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better

100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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County State

Family Economics

Children in poverty
(1979-1989)

12.2% 12.4% 1.6% 21.6%

Children in single parent households
(1980-1990)

6.3% 9.2% 46.0% 37.3%

Children dependent on AFDC

6.4% 11.1% 73.4% 15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents

10.4% 20.7% 99.0% 36.8%

Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth

2.1% 6.5% 209.5% 6.0%

Children born to mothers under age 18

1.0% 4.3% 330.0% 8.0%

Children born to mothers with
fewer than 12 years of education

4.2% 12.0% 185.7% 12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected

39 35 -10.3% 31.8%

Children dropping out of school
(School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)

1.6% 1.2% -25.0% 25.0%

Children's crimes against people
(1987-1991)

5.0% 2.7% -46.0% 13.8%

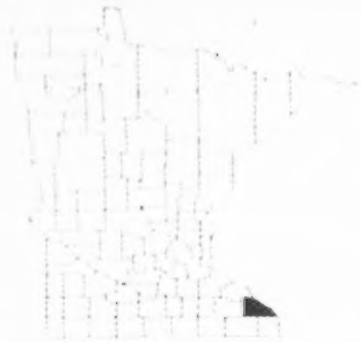
Children dying violently

1 1 0.0% -25.2%

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Winona



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....48,184
- Children under age 18.....11,764
 - African American.....45
 - American Indian.....7
 - Asian American.....190
 - European American.....11,511
 - Other.....11
 - Hispanic (of all races).....98
- Children under age 6.....3,895
- Median family income.....\$32,454

ECONOMICS

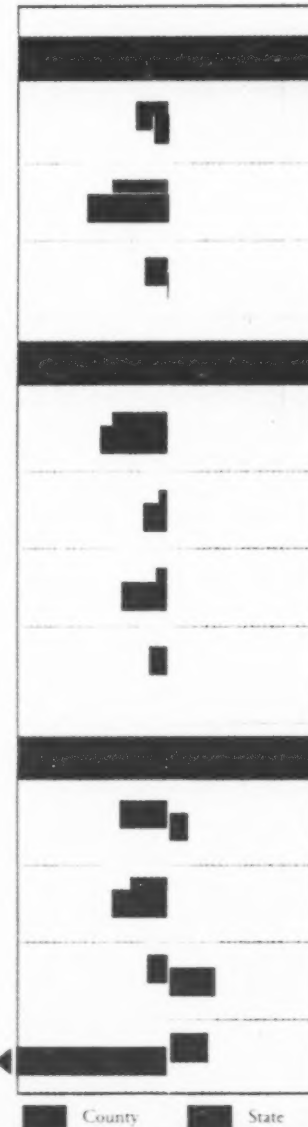
- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....6.70%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 19.8%
 - Second largest industry.....Durable goods manufacturing: 17.7%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Farming
 - Slowest.....Retail trade
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.80%

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PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated



Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	9.5%	10.5%	10.5%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	8.2%	12.7%	54.9%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	6.6%	6.7%	1.5%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	14.4%	20.9%	45.1%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	5.5%	6.4%	16.4%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	2.6%	3.4%	30.8%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	10.0%	10.0%	0.0%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	79	69	-12.7%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	2.7%	3.7%	37.0%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	2.6%	1.8%	-30.8%	13.8%
Children dying violently	0	2	>100%	-25.2%

County State

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Wright



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....68,970
- Children under age 18.....22,469
 - African American.....38
 - American Indian.....97
 - Asian American.....168
 - European American.....22,164
 - Other.....2
 - Hispanic (of all races).....134
- Children under age 6.....7,546
- Median family income.....\$36,981

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....9.00%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 21.0%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 15.1%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Durable goods manufacturing
 - Slowest.....Farming
- Unemployment rate (1993).....4.10%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base Year 1986 Current Year 1991 County Change State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	7.1%	7.7%	8.5%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	7.6%	12.9%	69.7%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	5.0%	5.0%	0.0%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	11.7%	16.7%	42.7%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	5.0%	4.6%	-8.0%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	1.9%	2.0%	5.3%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	6.8%	7.4%	8.8%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	118	119	0.8%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	1.9%	1.8%	-5.3%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	6.6%	4.2%	-36.4%	13.8%
Children dying violently	11	4	-63.6%	-25.2%

County State



1994 Report

Yellow Medicine



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....11,748
- Children under age 18.....3,150
 - African American.....0
 - American Indian.....38
 - Asian American.....19
 - European American.....3,073
 - Other.....20
 - Hispanic (of all races).....35
- Children under age 6.....960
- Median family income.....\$27,079

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....3.10%
 - Largest industry.....Farming: 28.4%
 - Second largest industry.....State and local govt.: 17.2%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Farming
- Unemployment rate (1993).....3.60%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Base Year 1986 Current Year 1991 County Change State Change

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	20.0%	15.6%	-22.0%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	5.9%	7.3%	23.7%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	5.6%	6.4%	14.3%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	2.9%	11.3%	289.7%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	2.2%	3.2%	45.5%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	0.7%	3.2%	357.1%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	8.0%	6.5%	-18.8%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	19	21	10.5%	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	0.0%	9.1%	>100%	13.8%
Children dying violently	0	0	--	-25.2%

County State

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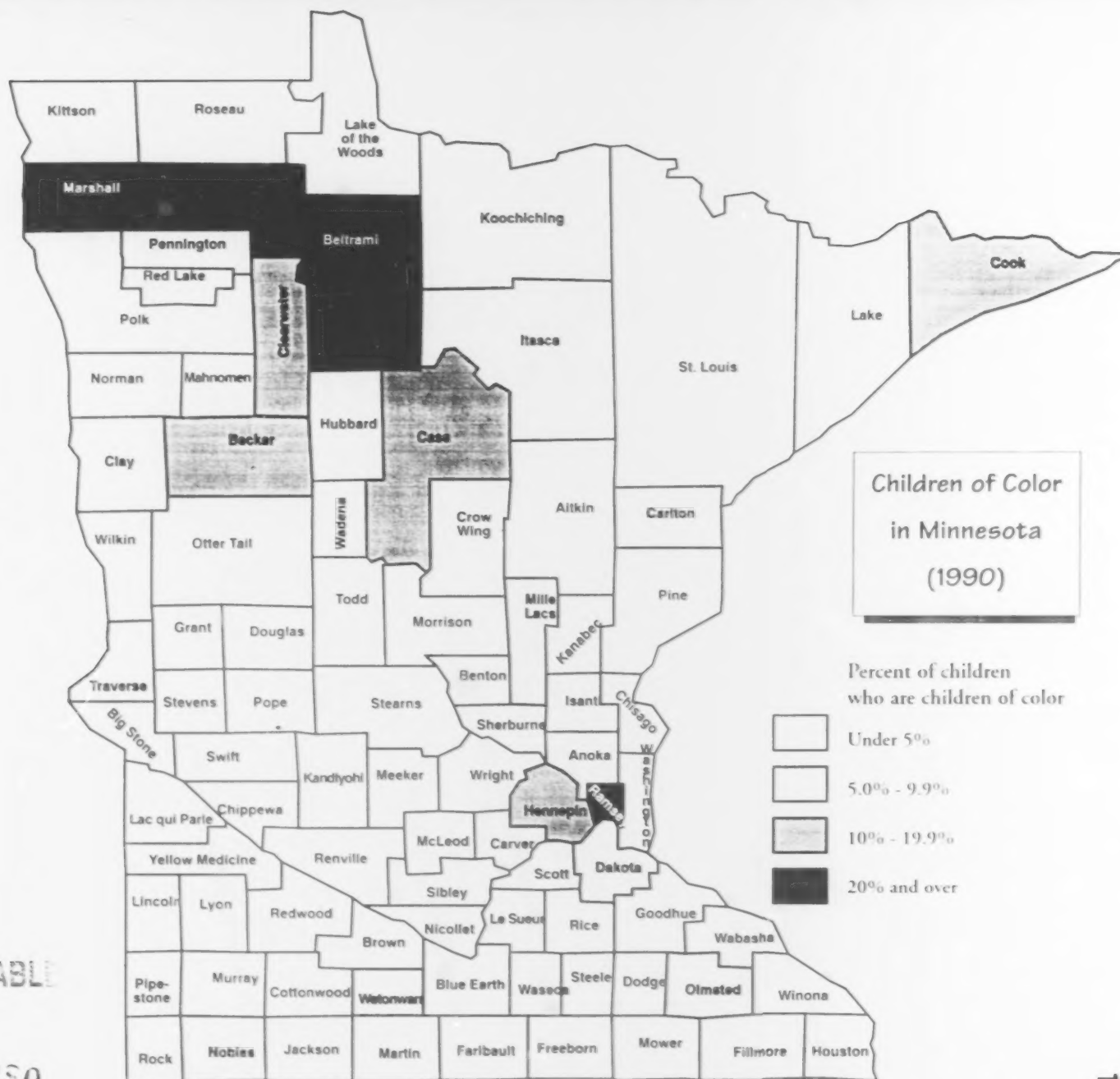
Children of color



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6. THE CRISIS FOR CHILDREN OF COLOR

Children of all races are in trouble in Minnesota. But, in every community, children of color are far more likely to be poor and suffer the hardships imposed by inadequate housing, unsafe neighborhoods, and lack of access to health care, than are children of European descent. Moreover, because of the "white-out" effect of Minnesota's overwhelmingly European American population, the plight of children of color is often masked and too easily ignored.

Without specific strategies to raise the overall quality of life for families of color in Minnesota, the circumstances for children of color will only worsen. Strategies must also be designed to ensure that programs and services intended for all children reach children and families in communities of color. Combating racism in all its forms is also crucial to improving the lives of children of color.

According to the 1990 Census, 8.5% (99,753) of Minnesota's children are children of color and 91.5% (1,068,156) are European American. While the majority of children of color (67.9%) live in the two major metropolitan counties, Hennepin and Ramsey, at least some children of color live in each of the other 85 counties. Well over half of American Indian children, children designated as being of an "other" race, and children of Hispanic descent live outside Hennepin and Ramsey counties.

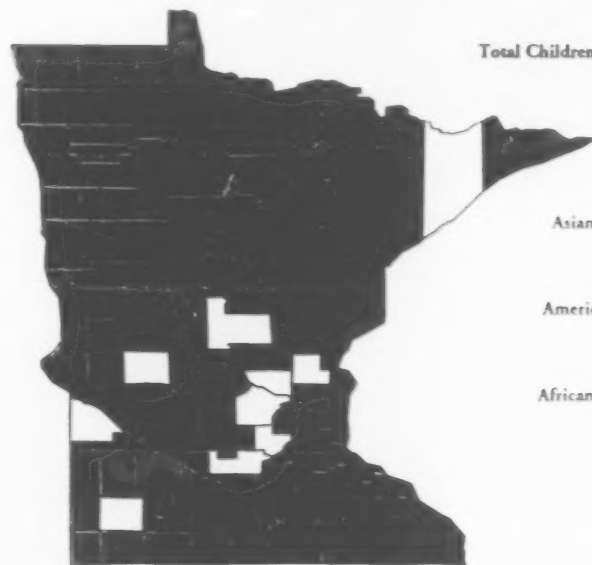
By taking "a closer look" at Minnesota's children, we see the special problems faced by children of color. Minnesota KIDS COUNT looks at three indicators — poverty, low birthweight, and school dropout — that together illustrate the economic crisis underlying the lives of children of color in Minnesota.

"When Indian incomes are level with yours, when our schools are as good as yours, our houses are warm, our kids as safe and our woods and streams as clean as yours, when our babies first open their eyes to as bright a future as yours, then we'll talk about level playing fields."

*Marge Anderson,
Chief Executive Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe,*

Children of Color in Poverty

Counties in which poverty rates for children of color are higher than the state average for all children (12.4%, 1989)



Child poverty is the best overall indicator of child well-being. More than any other factor, family income makes a critical difference in the chances that a child will be healthy, succeed in school, and wait until adulthood before starting a family.

According to the 1990 Census, 45.1% of children of color in Minnesota are poor. The differences in poverty rates between groups of children are extreme ranging from a low of 9.7% for European American children to a high of 54.8% for American Indian children.

Children in Poverty, by Race, 1989

County	African American	American Indian	Asian American	Other	Total Children of Color*	European American	Hispanic
Anoka	0.0%	40.3%	38.9%	0.0%	33.6%	26.2%	68.6%
Becker	67.7%	33.6%	8.4%	26.2%	26.5%	7.0%	12.3%
Beltrami	-	61.7%	2.6%	100.0%	59.5%	19.1%	63.8%
Benton	72.1%	58.4%	14.3%	10.0%	57.0%	18.9%	73.3%
Big Stone	20.3%	39.1%	10.2%	0.0%	24.7%	10.2%	0.0%
Blue Earth	-	26.7%	33.3%	-	30.0%	18.7%	0.0%
Brown	21.2%	16.0%	57.7%	99.2%	48.9%	14.2%	33.7%
Carlton	100.0%	54.5%	1.3%	88.9%	24.8%	8.5%	33.3%
Carver	0.0%	48.8%	21.3%	0.0%	44.6%	13.5%	58.3%
Cass	0.0%	31.3%	0.0%	0.0%	4.1%	5.2%	5.5%
Chippewa	72.2%	64.7%	43.2%	100.0%	64.3%	21.8%	38.6%
Chisago	25.0%	100.0%	0.0%	81.8%	56.0%	14.5%	95.7%
Clay	0.0%	39.7%	4.2%	29.2%	20.9%	9.4%	10.3%
Clearwater	50.0%	64.9%	25.5%	63.1%	57.9%	11.9%	58.6%
Cook	-	74.8%	0.0%	-	72.9%	24.8%	100.0%
Cottonwood	0.0%	40.3%	0.0%	-	30.3%	13.6%	-
Crow Wing	-	0.0%	57.6%	73.3%	54.5%	17.5%	32.4%
Dakota	54.2%	49.2%	6.4%	24.2%	40.1%	18.0%	40.1%
Dodge	22.8%	20.0%	7.5%	16.7%	13.3%	5.2%	17.2%
Douglas	33.3%	30.8%	5.4%	50.0%	26.1%	7.2%	43.2%
Faribault	28.6%	48.1%	6.7%	0.0%	20.0%	13.5%	21.6%
Fillmore	23.1%	61.5%	2.7%	81.7%	39.0%	14.8%	77.7%
Freeborn	0.0%	35.3%	10.8%	45.5%	22.4%	19.9%	34.3%
Goodhue	100.0%	100.0%	15.8%	44.4%	40.9%	11.8%	33.7%
Grant	6.1%	97.4%	23.0%	28.1%	31.5%	8.0%	12.2%
Hennepin	25.0%	33.3%	30.0%	-	25.9%	16.1%	100.0%
Houston	51.9%	61.0%	32.3%	27.6%	46.5%	6.4%	25.7%
Hubbard	43.5%	32.4%	7.7%	40.0%	23.7%	9.8%	18.2%
Itasca	0.0%	41.4%	0.0%	0.0%	37.1%	21.4%	33.3%
Jackson	21.1%	0.0%	4.7%	25.0%	8.8%	10.4%	0.0%
Kanabec	37.5%	75.0%	99.4%	61.7%	71.2%	18.9%	41.5%
	-	-	86.9%	92.2%	52.4%	13.3%	40.4%
	0.0%	33.3%	24.1%	16.0%	23.2%	19.1%	9.8%

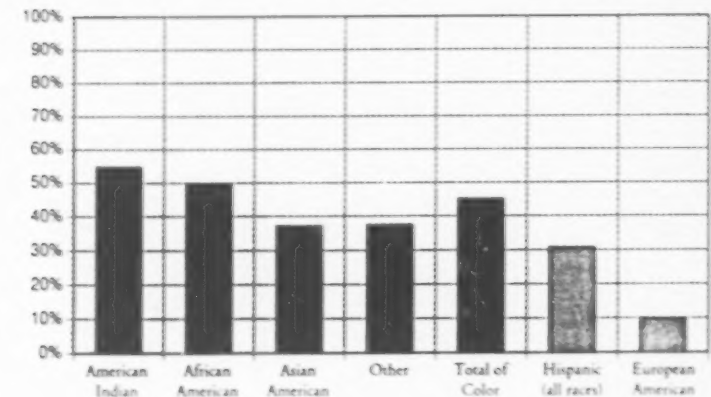
*Total column does not include Hispanic children because they are counted within the other race categories (e.g., a European Hispanic child would be counted as European).

• Child Poverty by Race in Minnesota, 1990 Census

- American Indian children 54.8%
- African American children 49.5%
- Children of "other" races/ethnic groups.....37.5%
- Asian and Pacific Islander American children 37.1%
- Total children of color 45.1%
- Children of Hispanic descent (all races).....30.7%
- European American children 9.7%

In 1989, the rate of poverty for children of color exceeded the statewide average for all children (12.4%) in 77 of Minnesota's 87 counties.

1989 Poverty Rates, by Race in Minnesota

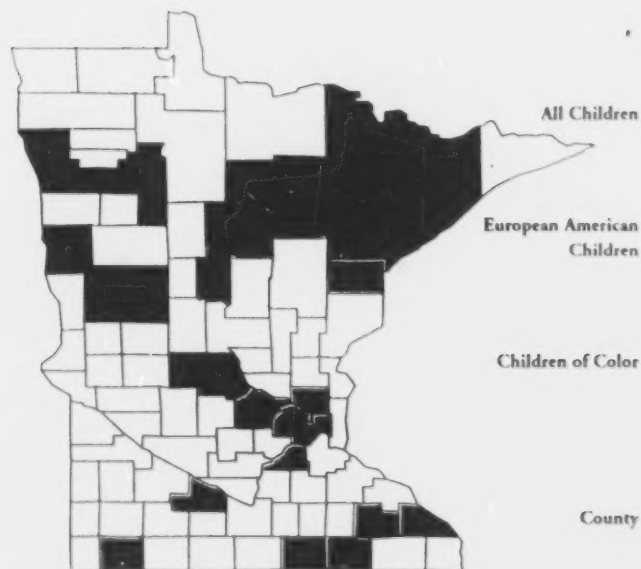


Kandiyohi	0.0%	85.8%	13.6%	60.6%	54.0%	13.7%	71.6%
Kittson	--	--	0.0%	100.0%	71.4%	13.0%	65.2%
Koochiching	0.0%	43.0%	0.0%	0.0%	28.1%	17.7%	23.0%
Lac Qui Parle	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.7%	14.2%	0.0%
Lake	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	--	0.0%	13.5%	0.0%
Lake of the Woods	--	100.0%	0.0%	--	75.0%	10.8%	100.0%
Le Sueur	44.4%	28.6%	4.0%	34.8%	18.0%	8.7%	17.1%
Lincoln	--	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	50.0%	18.2%	100.0%
Lyon	55.6%	33.3%	7.9%	74.5%	49.1%	10.2%	65.9%
Mahnomen	0.0%	59.2%	0.0%	--	58.7%	22.9%	55.7%
Marshall	75.0%	53.8%	0.0%	100.0%	59.5%	14.7%	100.0%
Martin	0.0%	11.8%	0.0%	93.1%	20.3%	14.6%	42.2%
McLeod	0.0%	24.4%	8.9%	89.5%	34.4%	6.9%	37.7%
Meeker	100.0%	75.0%	6.7%	3.5%	13.7%	12.3%	6.9%
Miller Lakes	54.2%	73.9%	0.0%	0.0%	65.2%	14.0%	18.9%
Morrison	33.3%	16.7%	0.0%	18.2%	4.8%	18.5%	45.5%
Mower	35.7%	0.0%	54.8%	0.0%	41.0%	12.7%	37.1%
Murray	--	--	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.2%	0.0%
Nicollet	0.0%	100.0%	1.4%	0.0%	14.0%	9.0%	42.4%
Nobles	0.0%	8.5%	23.2%	63.1%	38.7%	11.8%	50.9%
Norman	0.0%	26.1%	0.0%	0.0%	18.2%	16.5%	30.0%
Olmsted	24.7%	7.9%	45.8%	6.9%	40.4%	5.6%	18.4%
Otter Tail	0.0%	63.4%	8.3%	62.0%	36.7%	16.3%	50.5%
Pennington	100.0%	63.3%	0.0%	94.0%	66.9%	17.3%	89.1%
Pine	62.2%	44.6%	0.0%	0.0%	36.1%	15.5%	11.1%
Pipestone	0.0%	79.6%	0.0%	--	62.7%	14.9%	56.0%
Polk	5.1%	63.6%	7.7%	79.5%	57.6%	14.5%	60.3%
Pope	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	17.9%	0.0%
Ramsey	53.0%	42.9%	57.8%	33.5%	52.9%	8.3%	26.8%
Red Lake	--	100.0%	0.0%	86.1%	76.2%	14.3%	88.4%
Redwood	0.0%	54.9%	33.3%	100.0%	52.2%	13.6%	30.0%
Renville	--	33.3%	0.0%	79.5%	53.7%	16.6%	66.9%
Rice	0.0%	38.1%	10.6%	48.6%	20.8%	8.1%	51.8%
Rock	100.0%	8.3%	61.1%	0.0%	38.0%	15.0%	0.0%
Roseau	100.0%	26.9%	0.0%	100.0%	22.8%	11.8%	60.0%
Saint Louis	34.5%	50.5%	36.3%	23.1%	44.2%	14.7%	31.4%
Scott	21.9%	24.2%	11.8%	0.0%	16.1%	4.2%	23.5%
Sherburne	0.0%	51.2%	2.2%	0.0%	11.7%	7.3%	0.0%
Sibley	--	--	0.0%	28.6%	10.0%	13.0%	62.7%
Stearns	30.6%	64.6%	33.5%	69.5%	43.7%	9.5%	13.8%
Steele	14.0%	33.3%	0.0%	60.3%	28.9%	7.0%	55.8%
Stevens	29.4%	68.8%	63.6%	0.0%	45.5%	13.7%	38.9%
Swift	--	100.0%	36.8%	0.0%	32.1%	15.5%	75.7%
Todd	0.0%	20.0%	20.0%	50.0%	21.1%	20.8%	68.4%
Traverse	--	68.2%	0.0%	--	50.8%	18.8%	100.0%
Wabasha	0.0%	0.0%	35.0%	--	29.2%	9.6%	21.9%
Wadena	--	61.8%	0.0%	--	43.8%	21.2%	0.0%
Waseca	100.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	25.3%	11.4%	13.6%
Washington	30.9%	35.3%	9.8%	19.4%	20.5%	5.0%	15.3%
Watonwan	22.2%	100.0%	6.7%	61.5%	52.9%	13.0%	64.6%
Wilkin	--	12.0%	0.0%	100.0%	30.8%	12.4%	58.3%
Winona	6.7%	57.1%	11.1%	36.4%	12.6%	10.8%	11.8%
Wright	0.0%	3.2%	5.4%	0.0%	4.0%	8.3%	9.8%
Yellow Medicine	--	55.6%	36.8%	0.0%	36.0%	15.3%	11.4%

-- means that no children in this racial group lived in the county during the 1990 Census.

Low Birthweight Among Children of Color

Counties in which low
birthweight rates for children of
color are higher than the state
average for all children
(5.3%, 1991)



Low birthweight is an important indicator of a child's long-term health. Children with low birthweight are much more at risk for death during the first few months of life and for severe childhood illnesses. Later on they are more at risk than other children for learning disabilities that make it difficult to succeed in the classroom.

In 1991, children of color in Minnesota were at much higher risk for low birthweight and its consequences than were European American children. No group, other than European Americans, met or exceeded the national goal of 5.0% or fewer infants having a low birthweight. African American infants were twice as likely as the next highest group, Asian American children, to have a low birthweight and at nearly three times the risk of European American children. As a whole, 9.1% of children of color had a low birthweight in Minnesota in 1991, compared with 4.9% of European American children.

Low Birthweight Rates among Children, by Race, 1991

County	All Children	European American Children	Children of Color
Ankin	5.2%	5.5%	0.0%
Anoka	5.2%	5.1%	8.1%
Becker	4.6%	5.0%	1.8%
Beltrami	4.0%	3.4%	4.8%
Benton	5.2%	5.3%	0.0%
Big Stone	4.3%	4.3%	-
Blue Earth	3.1%	3.2%	0.0%
Brown	6.9%	6.6%	50.0%
Carlton	4.0%	3.3%	9.5%
Carver	3.9%	3.9%	5.0%
Cass	6.4%	6.0%	7.4%
Chippewa	4.1%	4.2%	0.0%
Chicago	4.8%	4.9%	0.0%
Clay	4.7%	4.7%	6.1%
Clearwater	4.1%	0.0%	20.0%
Cook	2.2%	2.4%	0.0%
Cottonwood	3.6%	3.7%	0.0%
Crow Wing	5.2%	5.2%	4.8%
Dakota	4.8%	4.8%	4.5%
Dodge	5.5%	5.5%	0.0%
Douglas	6.1%	6.1%	0.0%
Faribault	7.9%	8.0%	0.0%
Fillmore	3.2%	3.3%	0.0%
Freeborn	8.6%	8.4%	20.0%
Goodhue	3.8%	3.9%	0.0%
Grant	1.8%	1.9%	0.0%
Hennepin	6.2%	4.8%	11.4%
Houston	2.2%	2.2%	0.0%
Hubbard	4.3%	4.6%	0.0%
Isanti	2.6%	2.6%	0.0%
Itasca	6.1%	5.0%	14.8%
Jackson	4.7%	4.8%	0.0%

"-" means no children of color born in the county.

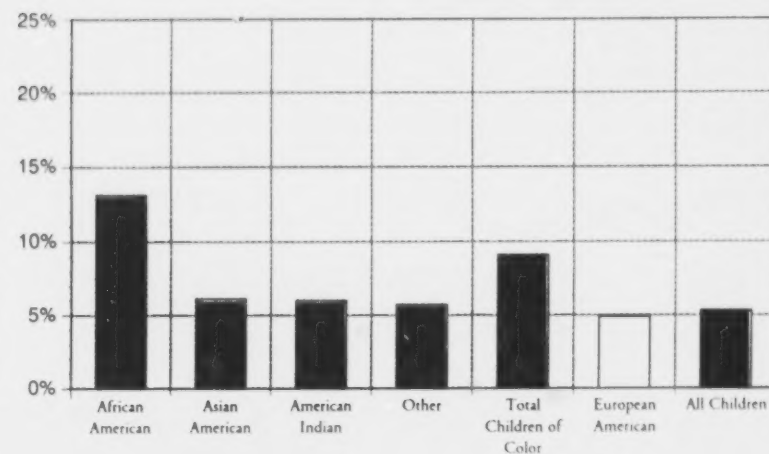
Statewide Statistics

African American children	13.1%
Asian and Pacific Islander American children	6.1%
American Indian children	6.0%
Children of "other" racial groups	5.7%
Total children of color	9.1%
European American children	4.9%
All children	5.3%

In 1991, in 25 counties the proportion of children of color who weighed less than 5.5 pounds at birth exceeded the statewide low birthweight average for all children. (This table does not include Hispanic children because the Minnesota Department of Health treats "Hispanic" as an ethnic, not racial, designation.)

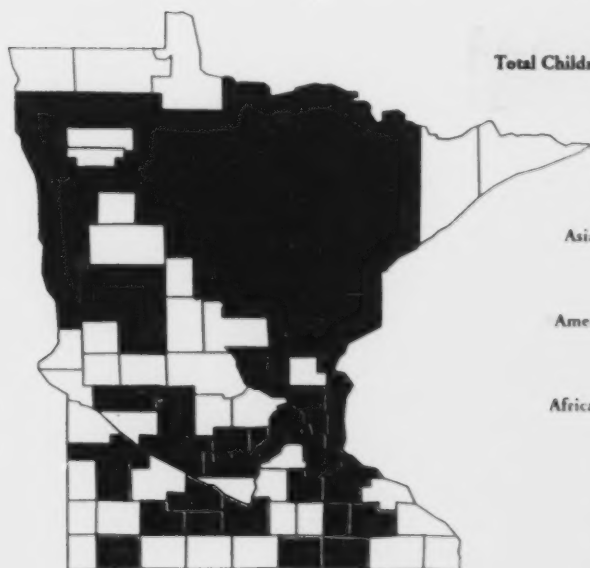
Kanabec	10.2%	0.0%
Kandiyohti	4.0%	0.0%
Kittson	1.9%	0.0%
Koochiching	4.2%	0.0%
Lac Qui Parle	1.0%	0.0%
Lake	5.0%	33.3%
Lake ... Woods	8.8%	0.0%
Le Sueur	6.5%	0.0%
Lincoln	4.5%	-
Lyon	1.4%	0.0%
McLeod	2.8%	0.0%
Mahnomen	4.8%	0.0%
Marshall	9.0%	-
Martin	4.7%	0.0%
Meeker	2.6%	0.0%
Millie Lac	5.6%	0.0%
Morrison	3.1%	0.0%
Mower	5.4%	5.6%
Murray	2.3%	0.0%
Nicollet	5.3%	0.0%
Nobles	5.5%	16.0%
Norman	5.7%	0.0%
Olmsted	4.4%	10.4%
Oter Tail	5.7%	9.1%
Pennington	4.0%	0.0%
Pine	5.1%	0.0%
Pipestone	5.5%	0.0%
Polk	4.8%	7.9%
Pope	5.4%	0.0%
Ramsey	6.2%	8.3%
Red Lake	6.7%	0.0%
Redwood	2.2%	0.0%
Renville	1.4%	0.0%
Rice	4.5%	0.0%
Rock	1.7%	0.0%
Roseau	4.8%	0.0%
St. Louis	5.1%	5.7%
Scott	5.2%	5.6%
Sherburne	5.3%	0.0%
Sibley	4.5%	0.0%
Stearns	5.9%	11.1%
Steele	4.6%	0.0%
Stevens	3.7%	0.0%
Swift	2.8%	-
Todd	6.2%	0.0%
Traverse	5.7%	0.0%
Wabasha	2.8%	0.0%
Wadena	3.4%	0.0%
Waseca	4.6%	0.0%
Washington	4.8%	4.6%
Watsonwan	6.1%	0.0%
Wilkin	6.5%	0.0%
Winona	6.4%	9.1%
Wright	4.6%	7.7%
Yellow Medicine	3.2%	0.0%

1991 Low Birthweight, by Race in Minnesota



School Dropout Rates Among Children of Color

Counties in which the dropout rate for children of color is higher than the state average for all children (3.5%, 1991-92)



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School dropout rates further demonstrate the wide chasm between children of color and children of European descent. According to the national KIDS COUNT report, Minnesota has the highest high school graduation rate in the country. However, these commendable graduation statistics hide the fact that thousands of children of color drop out of school each year. This is a good example of how generalized, statewide data can mask serious problems experienced by large and definable groups of children.

In school year 1991-92, 10.3% of children of color in Minnesota dropped out of school, as compared to 2.8% of European American children.

Dropout Rates among Children, by Race, 1991-1992

County	African American	American Indian	Asian American	Hispanic	Total Children of Color	European American
Aitkin	0.0%	9.5%	0.0%	-	6.3%	1.9%
Anoka	6.0%	7.0%	1.9%	5.3%	4.3%	2.5%
Becker	33.3%	3.0%	0.0%	14.3%	3.5%	1.2%
Beltrami	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	1.9%
Benton	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	0.3%
Big Stone	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blue Earth	8.3%	14.3%	1.7%	20.7%	8.5%	2.3%
Brown	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.5%	11.9%	1.1%
Carlton	0.0%	15.7%	0.0%	0.0%	12.2%	2.7%
Carver	5.6%	16.7%	0.0%	13.6%	5.3%	6.5%
Cass	20.0%	20.8%	0.0%	0.0%	19.7%	3.0%
Chippewa	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%
Chisago	8.3%	72.7%	5.9%	20.0%	23.6%	3.9%
Clay	0.0%	14.7%	1.6%	5.0%	5.1%	1.0%
Clearwater	0.0%	21.3%	33.3%	0.0%	20.0%	1.8%
Cook	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.0%
Cottonwood	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	13.3%	7.9%	0.6%
Crow Wing	5.3%	7.1%	4.0%	0.0%	4.9%	4.3%
Dakota	5.5%	13.6%	3.7%	6.3%	5.2%	2.8%
Dodge	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	3.7%	5.1%	0.6%
Douglas	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	12.5%	5.0%	1.5%
Faribault	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	2.0%	1.0%
Fillmore	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%
Freeborn	16.7%	400.0%	16.7%	11.5%	14.3%	3.5%
Goodhue	0.0%	20.0%	4.0%	0.0%	7.5%	2.0%
Grant	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.7%
Hennepin	15.7%	23.5%	4.5%	12.6%	13.0%	4.2%
Houston	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
Hubbard	0.0%	11.3%	0.0%	-	10.3%	2.4%
Isanti	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	13.3%	3.1%	4.1%
Itasca	25.0%	5.9%	0.0%	6.7%	6.3%	3.7%
Jackson	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%

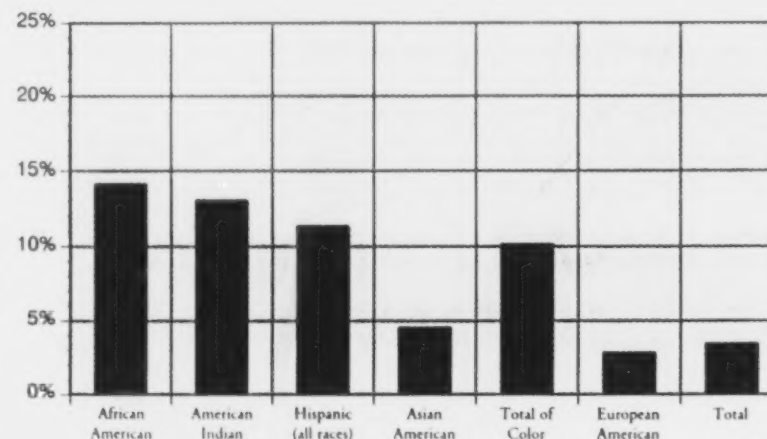
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Statewide Statistics

- African American children 14.1%
- American Indian children 13.0%
- Children of Hispanic descent (all races) 11.3%
- Asian and Pacific Islander American children.....4.5%
- Total children of color 10.3%
- European American children.....2.8%
- All children 3.5%

Dropout rates for three groups — African American, American Indian and Hispanic children — are dramatically higher than that for European American children. Even the rate for Asian American children, while much lower than that of the other three groups, is higher than for European American children. The dropout rate for children of color exceeded the statewide average for all children in 47 of the 87 counties. Kandiyohi County saw the largest proportion of children of color dropping out of school — 33.0%.

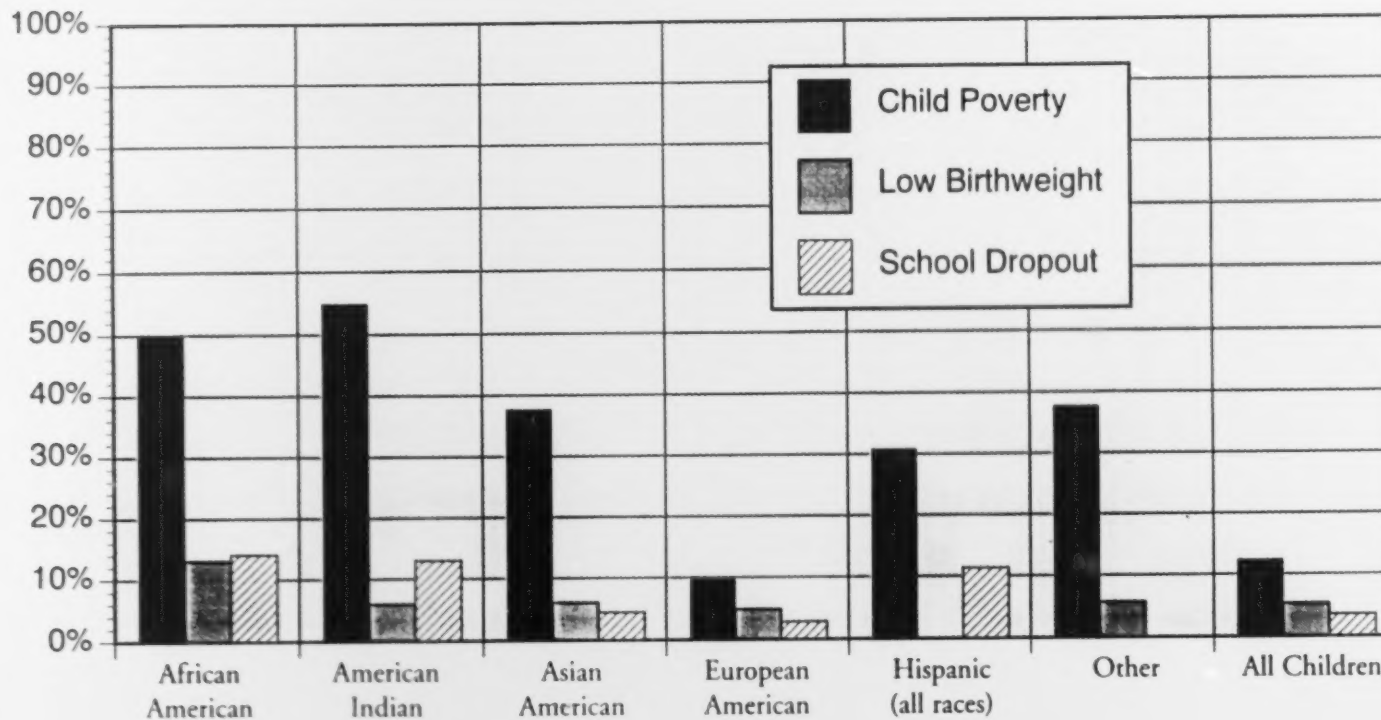
1991-92 Dropouts Rates, by Race in Minnesota



Kanabec	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.5%	3.7%
Kandiyohi	0.0%	83.3%	0.0%	35.1%	33.0%	3.0%
Kittson	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.4%
Koochiching	-	11.4%	0.0%	0.0%	9.9%	2.1%
Lac Qui Parle	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Lake	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%
Lake ... Woods	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%
Le Sueur	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	2.8%	1.3%
Lincoln	-	-	-	-	-	0.8%
Lyon	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	3.2%	5.1%	1.5%
Mahnomen	-	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%
Marshall	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	4.5%	0.4%
Martin	0.0%	-	0.0%	4.3%	2.2%	1.2%
McLeod	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	4.7%	2.7%
Meeker	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%
Millie Lacs	0.0%	7.0%	0.0%	5.3%	5.2%	1.5%
Morrison	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	2.7%	1.2%
Mower	0.0%	12.5%	4.3%	35.3%	10.7%	3.3%
Murray	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
Nicollet	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%
Nobles	28.6%	20.0%	13.4%	26.7%	17.3%	2.0%
Norman	-	5.6%	0.0%	27.3%	11.1%	0.1%
Olmsted	8.7%	20.0%	6.0%	3.8%	6.2%	2.3%
Otter Tail	9.1%	18.2%	0.0%	45.8%	24.5%	2.0%
Pennington	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.5%
Pine	0.0%	16.0%	0.0%	13.3%	9.3%	2.5%
Pipestone	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
Polk	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%	11.4%	8.6%	2.2%
Pope	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.7%
Ramsey	14.5%	17.2%	6.4%	13.4%	10.9%	5.0%
Red Lake	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%
Redwood	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	1.0%
Renville	-	100.0%	0.0%	11.9%	15.0%	0.3%
Rice	37.5%	75.0%	0.0%	25.6%	18.7%	3.1%
Rock	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%
Roseau	-	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	2.1%	0.8%
Saint Louis	15.1%	9.5%	3.8%	1.6%	8.7%	3.8%
Scott	0.0%	9.5%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	1.3%
Sherburne	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	4.4%	3.1%
Sibley	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	32.1%	32.3%	1.5%
Stearns	2.0%	2.2%	3.1%	1.9%	2.6%	1.2%
Steele	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%	2.3%	2.4%	1.9%
Stevens	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Swift	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	28.6%	11.8%	1.0%
Todd	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%
Traverse	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wabasha	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
Wadena	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%
Waseca	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%
Washington	12.2%	31.9%	3.9%	5.3%	8.1%	3.7%
Watsonwan	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.2%	5.5%	1.1%
Wilkin	0.0%	66.7%	0.0%	9.1%	15.0%	0.8%
Winona	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	6.7%	2.8%	3.8%
Wright	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%
Yellow Medicine	0.0%	22.2%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	0.8%

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 Corrections to page 142

Summary of Key Indicators of Risk for Children by Race



This page corrects the erroneous bar graphs showing Child Poverty for European American, Hispanic, Other and All Children. All of the other bars graphs were correct as originally published.



7. WHAT YOU CAN DO

A closer look at Minnesota's children leads to the question, "What can I do?" Our Minnesota heritage, be it European, African, American Indian, Hispanic, or Asian, calls us to provide a better future for our children; and we must not be overwhelmed by the size of our task. We must roll up our sleeves and get to work for children in our communities. Here are concrete suggestions for what YOU can do starting TODAY.

• As an individual

- Write to your elected officials and urge them to give children a high priority.
- Vote with children in mind. Since children cannot vote for themselves, adults must consider children's needs when in the voting booth.
- Volunteer in a community program that serves the needs of young children, such as a child care center or Head Start program.
- Become a volunteer mentor for a young person. Share your time, interests and values.
- Fulfill your responsibilities to children in your life, giving them the time, attention and resources they need. Pay your child support and encourage others to do the same.
- Join or start a study circle in your neighborhood or congregation that focuses on learning about the welfare of children. Use this book or other KIDS COUNT reports as discussion starters.
- Become a child advocate with the Children's Defense Fund and Congregations Concerned for Children. Return the postcard at the back of this book, and we will send you action alerts on public policies that will improve the lives of children plus monthly fact sheets about children's issues.
- Call the Child Advocates Hotline, 1-800-626-6108 if you live in Greater Minnesota and 871-1473 if you live in the Twin Cities area, to learn the latest action needed for children. Then ACT! Also, leave a message about what you are doing in your community for children. Sharing your story will inspire others and help them try similar efforts.

"Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing."

Albert Schweitzer

First Christian Church in south Minneapolis offers a parent break program on Friday evenings. It is a cooperative venture. Congregation members and neighborhood parents volunteer to provide low-cost care to neighborhood children. One of the organizers remembers one mother dropping her children off just so that she could go home and take a bath alone. "She said she hadn't been alone in her apartment since her kids were born."

- **As a neighborhood or community group**
 - Identify children and families with specific needs and help connect them with services or volunteers.
 - Organize to address a particular community problem that is adversely affecting children. Examples: reducing drug activity and the presence of guns in the community.
 - Arrange for safe houses for children who feel in danger.
 - Take responsibility for all children in your neighborhood. If a child is in trouble or causing trouble, become involved.
 - Connect with child advocacy organizations such as the Children's Defense Fund and share the stories and challenges of children in your community. The stories can help pass needed legislation and allocate additional resources for children.
- **As a religious congregation**
 - Hold a Children's Sabbath to raise the visibility of children's needs and celebrate their gifts. For information and worship materials contact Congregations Concerned for Children.
 - Develop a partnership with a children's program in your community to share your volunteer and financial resources and lend moral support.
 - Hold an adult education program or parent education series on the needs of children.
 - Discover the needs of families with children who live in your congregation's community and consider how your congregation can respond. Congregations can offer parent education, parent break programs or child care programs. They also can serve as sites for immunizations and child nutrition programs.
- **As a business**
 - Implement family-friendly policies that recognize employees as members of families.
 - Use your influence to support legislation that will improve children's lives so they can become the productive workforce of the future.
 - Provide business skills and expertise to programs serving children in need.
 - Sponsor a children's program, such as a child care center or Head Start program.
 - Hold fund-raisers for community programs serving children.

"There was a child went forth every day,
And the first object he looked upon, that
object he became."

Walt Whitman

Dakota County Child Abuse Prevention Council sponsors an annual "Capture the Dream" contest for local amateur photographers. The photographs show nurturing, healthy relationships between children and adults and are published in the county's annual "report card" on its quality of life.



- Encourage your employees to volunteer in programs serving children and allow them to use some of their paid time to do it.
- Ask your employees how you can best meet their needs as parents. Discuss family issues with them and implement their suggestions when possible.

• As the media

- Feature good news about children and families of all races, cultures, and incomes in your community.
- Use your advertising strategies to recruit volunteers for community children's programs.
- Commit regular time or space to important issues facing families and children. KIDS COUNT can provide the data.
- Expand children's programming shown on local television.
- Set and follow better standards for broadcasting sex and violence on television.

• As an elected official

- Listen to what constituent families say about their life circumstances; take special care to hear from families who may be too busy or too stressed to come to legislative, county board or city council meetings.
- Support wage, tax, and safety net policies that ensure all families have adequate incomes.
- Invest local and state dollars in prevention programs; make the needs of your locality and the State of Minnesota known to federal officials.
- Make the needs of children a priority in your next campaign.
- Make time for the children in your own life so you can set an example for others.
- Use your position of leadership to bring community resources together to help children.

DATA METHODS AND NOTES

• Methods

Minnesota KIDS COUNT obtained data for the base and current years from several state agencies including the Office of the State Demographer, the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Education, and the Supreme Court of Minnesota.

To find the percent change between the base and current years, Minnesota KIDS COUNT used the formula:

$$\frac{\text{current year \% or \#} - \text{base year \% or \#}}{\text{base year \% or \#}}$$

(Be aware that while percentages are a good measure of the relative depth of a problem, they should be interpreted with caution when applied to small numbers because in these cases percentages can distort the relative magnitude of the problem. For example, the rate of change between 5% and 10% is 100%, even though the difference on a number line is only 5 points. Compare this to the 66% rate of change between 30% and 50% where the difference on a number line is 20.

Also, be aware that sample groups of less than 30, while important in themselves, should be approached with caution because they are too small for statistical interpretation.)

• Notes

In all cases children refers to persons who are age 17 or under.

1980 total child population data are from Table 173 of General Social and Economic Characteristics Minnesota, 1980 Census of Population, published by the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census.

1990 total child population data are from Table P13 of the U.S. Census provided by the University of Minnesota Machine Readable Data Center.

1986 and 1991 child population data are a linear interpolation and extrapolation respectively of 1980 and 1990 Census data.

In the tables, ">100%" in the "change" column indicates zero in the base year and greater than zero in the current year; a "-" indicates zero in both years.

Race designation at birth is recorded on the birth certificate by the mother, or, if not so designated, determined by the Minnesota Department of Health using a method that incorporates information about the race of each parent.

Race or ethnic designation of children living in poverty is based on how people described themselves to the Census.

Birth data from the Minnesota Department of Health include live births only. Categories of live births in this report include children born to unmarried parents, born to mothers with less than 12 years education, born to mothers under age 18, or with a birthweight of 5.5 pounds or less.

Percent of Children Living in Poverty. The percent of Minnesota children living in poverty is the percentage of related children under age 18 who live in families with incomes below the poverty line. "Related children" means the children of the head of the family by birth, marriage or adoption, and any other person under age 18 who is living in the household and related to the family head. Using 1980 and 1990 census data the Office of the State Demographer provided the poverty rates for all children. Poverty rates by race for 1989 are from Table P119 of the 1990 census and were provided by the University of Minnesota Machine Readable Data Center.

The federal government sets the poverty line annually. It is based on a definition originated by the Social Security Administration in 1964, then modified in 1969 and again in 1980. Its core is the 1960 economy food plan, the least costly of four nutritionally adequate food plans designed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the late 1950s. After analyzing the results of a 1955 survey of food consumption, the Department of Agriculture concluded that families of three or more persons spend approximately one-third of their incomes on food; hence, the Social Security Administration defined the poverty threshold as three times the cost of the economy food plan. The federal government revises the poverty thresholds annually to allow for changes in the cost of living as reflected in the Consumer Price Index. Poverty thresholds are applied on a national basis and are not adjusted for regional, state, or local variations in the cost of living.

Percent of children living with a single parent is the percentage of related children under age 18 who live in families headed by a person without a spouse present in the home. "Related children" means the children of the head of the family by birth, marriage or adoption, and any other children under

age 18 who are living in the household and related to the family head. Minnesota KIDS COUNT used Table P23 of the 1990 Census and Table 94 of the 1980 Census to determine the percent of children living in single parent families. These tables identify the number of children in each county who live with a married couple, a male head of household or a female head of household.

Percent of children dependent on AFDC is the percent of children under age 18 in each county who received AFDC. The Minnesota Department of Human Services provided Minnesota KIDS COUNT with a count of children on AFDC. The count is the monthly average of all children receiving AFDC payments between July 1 and June 30 of the selected fiscal years. Minnesota KIDS COUNT translated the data to percentage form by dividing the average number of children receiving AFDC by the number of children living in households with one adult or a married couple (an interpolation and extrapolation of Table 94 from the 1980 Census and Table P23 of the 1990 Census).

Percent of children born to unmarried parents is the percentage of infants whose parents mark "no" to question #27 on Minnesota's Certificate of Live Birth, "Child born in wedlock." Minnesota KIDS COUNT obtained a county-by-county count of total births and births to unmarried parents from the Center for Health Statistics of the Minnesota Health Department for the years 1986 and 1991, then converted the data to percentage form by dividing the number of children born to unmarried parents by total births.

Percent of babies weighing 5.5 pounds or less at birth is the percentage of infants whose birth certificates indicate that they weighed 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds) or less at birth. The Center for Health Statistics of the Minnesota Health Department provided the information to Minnesota KIDS COUNT. It is based on information collected by the Center for Health Statistics from birth certificates.

Percent of children born to mothers who are less than age 18 is the percentage of infants born to women who were less than age 18 at the time of the child's birth. The Center for Health Statistics of the Minnesota Health Department provided the information to Minnesota KIDS COUNT. It is based on information collected by the Center for Health Statistics from birth certificates.

Percent of children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years education is the percentage of infants born to women who had fewer than 12 years of formal education at the time of the child's birth. The Center for Health Statistics of the

Minnesota Health Department provided the information to Minnesota KIDS COUNT. It is based on information collected by the Center for Health Statistics from birth certificates.

Substantiated child abuse and neglect is the number of children for whom a report of child abuse of any kind or neglect was substantiated by a child protection worker in 1986 or 1991. Substantiated abuse means that the local social service agency has conducted an assessment in response to a report and has found that maltreatment occurred. The term "substantiated" is used interchangeably with the term "determined." In order to maintain a basis for comparison, Minnesota KIDS COUNT looked only at the categories of abuse for which the definitions remained consistent from 1986 through 1991. They include physical, sexual and emotional abuse, and neglect. The Minnesota Department of Human Services provided the information on a county-by-county basis.

Percent of children dropping out of school is the percentage of children who registered in a public school in September of the school year and left before the end of the year without transferring records to another school. A one-to-one correspondence between students and dropouts does not exist because a particular student may "drop out" of school more than once in a single year. Individual schools collect the information. Local school boards forward it to the Minnesota Department of Education. The reports do not include information regarding children attending schools on Indian reservations. The Department provided Minnesota KIDS COUNT with counts by race or ethnicity. Minnesota KIDS COUNT determined the overall dropout rate for each county by aggregating the racial groups, then dividing the dropout number by the total number of students. Dropout rates by racial and ethnic group were determined by dividing the number of children who dropped out in each group by the total number of students in the same group.

Percent of crimes committed by children against people is the percentage of juvenile justice petitions filed for homicide, aggravated assault, kidnapping, criminal sexual conduct, and robbery in 1986 and 1991. Since the percentage is of all juvenile petitions that were felony crimes against a person, a one-to-one correspondence between the number of petitions and the number of juveniles committing this type of offense does not exist. The Research and Planning Office of State Court Administration of the Supreme Court of Minnesota provided the data on a county-by-county basis.

Child suicides, homicides and other violent deaths is the number of children under age 18 who died from murder, suicide, or vehicular homicide. The Center for Health Statistics of the Minnesota Health Department provided the information to Minnesota KIDS COUNT. It is based on information collected by the Center for Health Statistics from death certificates.

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Please check:

☐ Put me on the mailing list for Children's Defense Fund—Minnesota's free monthly newsletter.☐ Add me to the Congregations Concerned for Children **child advocates** list.
I would like to receive **action alerts** so that I can call my elected officials about public policies affecting children.

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Prevention Programs Not Reaching Many Minnesota Children," Fall 1993 _____ x \$0 = \$0.00

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Minnesota Kids

A closer look



Summary



Minnesota Kids – A Closer Look

In order to become adults who are ready to work, raise families and contribute to the community, children need economic security, a good start at birth, and freedom from violence. Yet Minnesota children, whether rural, urban or suburban, are not getting what they need.

On ten of the eleven indicators of child well-being selected by Minnesota KIDS COUNT, Minnesota children are doing worse than they were 5-10 years ago. As child well-being declines overall, it falls even further for Minnesota's children of color.

Minnesota KIDS COUNT's new data book, *Minnesota Kids – A Closer Look*, provides a detailed look at eleven indicators of child well-being and shows, county-by-county, how children are faring on each indicator. The book also tells what children need and how Minnesotans can work together to improve the lives of children in their communities.

KIDS COUNT findings:

Economic security

- The percentage of children living in single parent families in Minnesota rose in every county. Statewide, the rate went from 11.8% in 1980 to 16.2% in 1990 — a 37.3% increase. Five counties saw the rate increase by more than 100%: Mille Lacs, Mahnomon, Wadena, Watonwan, and Marshall.
- The percentage of children living in poverty in Minnesota grew 21.6% (from 10.2% to 12.4%) between the 1980 and 1990 censuses. This occurred despite decreases in the rate of child poverty in 44 of the 87 counties. Lake County saw the most extreme rate of increase — 192.9%.
- The proportion of Minnesota children on AFDC rose by 15.7% statewide between 1986 and 1991. Forty-six counties saw increases, with Wilkin County seeing the largest — 73.4%. The rate decreased in 38 counties, with Watonwan County seeing the greatest decrease — 70.2% — and did not change in three counties.

A good start

- The percentage of children born to unmarried parents grew by 36.8% between 1986 and 1991 statewide. Of the 87 counties, 80 saw increases, four saw decreases and three saw no change. Yellow Medicine County saw the largest increase — 289.7% — and Red Lake County the largest decrease — 7%.
- The proportion of Minnesota children born to mothers under age 18 grew by 8% between 1986 and 1991. The rate increased in 48 counties, decreased in 37 and did not change in two. Mower County saw the most extreme growth — 400%.

On ten of the eleven indicators of child well-being selected by Minnesota KIDS COUNT, Minnesota children are doing worse than they were 5-10 years ago. As child well-being declines overall, it falls even further for Minnesota's children of color.

- The proportion of Minnesota children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of schooling rose by 12.4% between 1986 and 1991. The proportion increased in 54 counties, with the largest rate of increase occurring in Brown County — 277.3%. The rate decreased in 30 counties and did not change in three.
- The percent of children with low birthweights grew from 5% to 5.3% between 1986 and 1991, increasing in 49 counties, decreasing in 37, and staying the same in one. The largest rate of increase — 218.8% — was in Kanabec County, and the largest decrease — 81.5% — in Lac Qui Parle County.

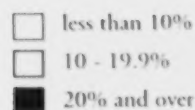
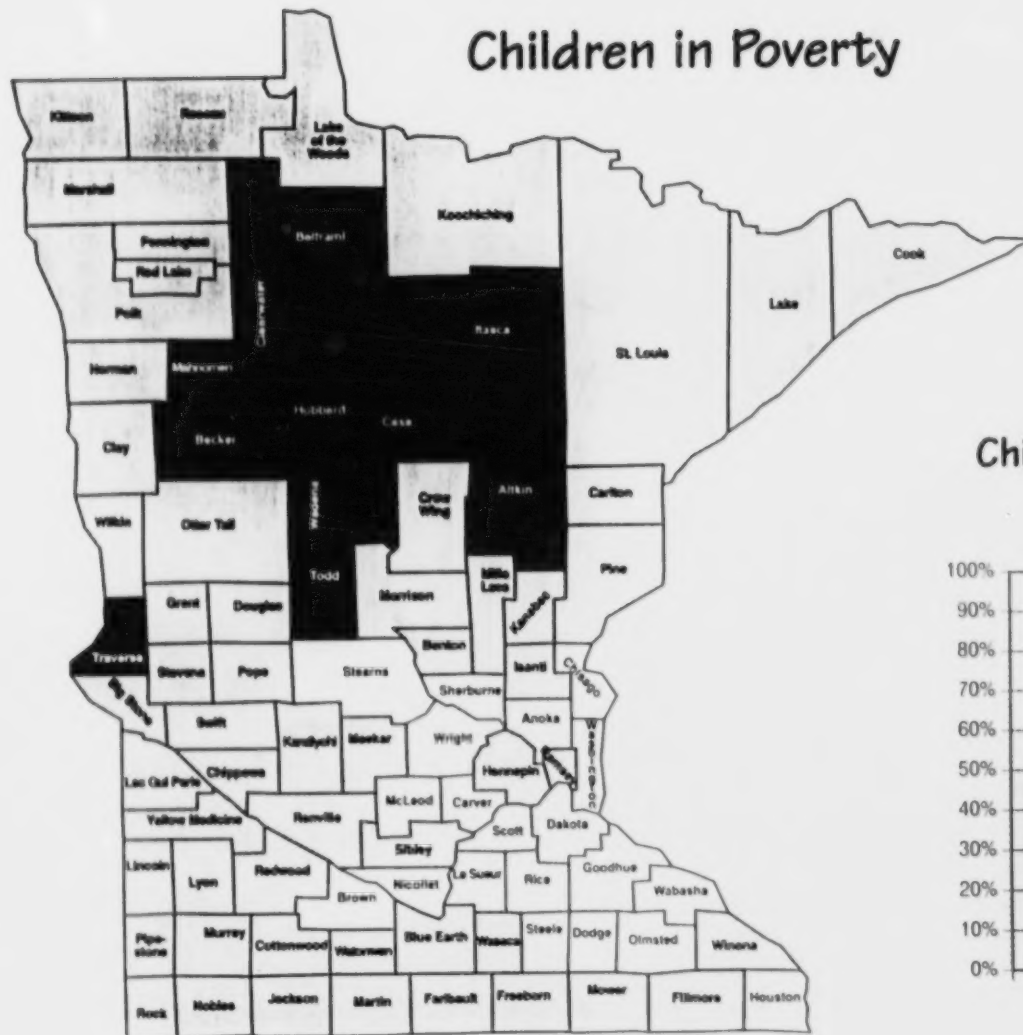
Data for *Minnesota Kids—A Closer Look* were obtained from the 1980 and 1990 U.S. Censuses and from several Minnesota state agencies including the Office of the State Demographer, Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Department of Education and the Supreme Court of Minnesota.

Freedom from violence

- The number of children for whom abuse and neglect were substantiated in Minnesota rose from 7,760 in 1986 to 10,224 in 1991, a 31.8% increase. Mahnomon County saw the largest proportional increase — 625%. Grant and Kittson Counties had the largest proportional decrease — 91.7% each.
- Between school years 1986-87 and 1991-92, the percentage of children dropping out of school before high school graduation rose by 25%. It increased in 51 counties, decreased in 31, and did not change in three (two counties did not report dropout data for 1991-92). In seven counties the rate of increase between the two years was greater than 200%: Cass, Nobles, Jackson, Carver, Grant, Red Lake, and McLeod.
- The percentage of crimes committed by children that are crimes against people grew by 13.8% between 1987 and 1991. Forty-two counties saw increases, 37 saw decreases, and eight counties saw no change. Ten counties with increases had no child crimes against people in 1987. The largest rate of increase occurred in Cass County — 523.1%. Eight counties saw their rates decrease by 100%.
- The only measure of child well-being that improved was the number of violent deaths, which dropped by 25.2% between 1986 and 1991. However, 10 counties that had no violent deaths among children in 1986 had one or more in 1991. Of the 25 counties with increases, Kandiyohi had the largest measurable increase — 500%. Forty-one counties had decreases and 21 had no change.

Minnesota Kids Count, a joint project of the Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota and Congregations Concerned for Children, is funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, with supplementary grants from Northwest Area Foundation and Sheltering Arms Foundation. Minnesota Kids Count provides county-by-county assessments of the condition of Minnesota's children.

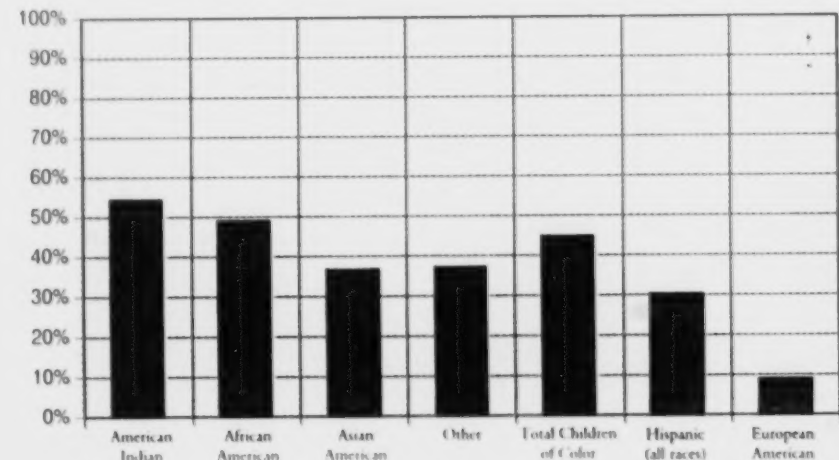
Children in Poverty



"If you don't understand that my children are your children, that my children's well-being is tied to you and your children's well-being, we have a problem."

Mary Azzahir,
Minneapolis Way to Grow Executive Director.

Child Poverty Rates by Race in Minnesota 1990 Census



• American Indian children	54.8%
• African American children	49.5%
• Children of "other" races/ethnic groups	37.5%
• Asian and Pacific Islander American children	37.1%
• Total children of color	45.1%
• Children of Hispanic descent (all races)	30.7%
• European American children	9.7%

Children of Color in Minnesota

Because of the "white-out" effect of Minnesota's overwhelmingly European American population, the plight of children of color is often masked. In every community, however, children of color are far more likely to be poor and suffer from inadequate housing, unsafe neighborhoods, and lack of access to health care than are children of European descent.

8.5% of Minnesota's children are children of color. While the majority (67.9%) live in Hennepin and Ramsey counties, at least some children of color live in each of the other 85 counties. Well over half of American Indian children, children designated as being of an "other" race, and children of Hispanic descent live outside Hennepin and Ramsey counties.

Looking at three indicators that together illustrate the crisis facing children of color, Minnesota KIDS COUNT finds that children of color are far more likely than children of European descent to be poor, to be born at low birthweight, and to drop out of school.

KIDS COUNT findings:

- In 1989, 45.1% of children of color lived in poor families, as compared with 9.7% of European American children. In six counties — Clearwater, Itasca, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Pennington, and Red Lake — over two-thirds of all children of color were poor.
- In 1991, 9.1% of children of color were born weighing less than 5.5 pounds, as compared with 4.9% of European American children. In nine counties — Brown, Clearwater, Freeborn, Hennepin, Itasca, Lake, Nobles, Olmsted, and Stearns — over 10% of newborns of color weighed under 5.5 pounds. In all except one of these counties, Stearns, the rate was over twice that for white children.
- In 1991, the proportion of children of color who dropped out of school — 10.3% — was over three times that of European American children — 2.8%. In five counties — Chisago, Clearwater, Kandiyohi, Otter Tail, and Sibley — at least one-fifth of all children of color dropped out of school.

The Full Report...

Minnesota Kids—A Closer Look is the first annual report of Minnesota KIDS COUNT. The full report is 147 pages and details the condition of children in each of Minnesota's 87 counties. Additional data on the needs of children of color are included, as well as a list of actions individuals, policy makers and communities can take to improve the lives of children.

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■ Counties in which poverty rates for children of color are higher than the state average for all children (12.4%, 1989)

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Minnesota



DEMOGRAPHICS (1990)

- Total population.....4,424,763
- Children under age 18.....1,167,909
 - African American.....36,541
 - American Indian.....19,920
 - Asian American.....34,376
 - European American.....1,068,156
 - Other.....8,916
 - Hispanic (of all races).....21,613
- Children under age 6.....406,751
- Median family income.....\$30,111

ECONOMICS

- Profile (1990)
 - Economic growth rate.....7.0%
 - Largest industry.....Services: 23.4%
 - Second largest industry.....Durable goods manufacturing: 13.1%
- Industry Growth (1980-1990)
 - Fastest.....Services
 - Slowest.....Construction
- Unemployment rate (1993).....5.1%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

Worse Better
(100%) (75%) (50%) (25%) 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Except where indicated

Indicators

Family Economics

Children in poverty (1979-1989)	10.2%	12.4%	21.6%
Children in single parent households (1980-1990)	11.8%	16.2%	37.3%
Children dependent on AFDC	8.9%	10.3%	15.7%

Birth Circumstances

Children born to unmarried parents	16.3%	22.3%	36.8%
Children weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth	5.0%	5.3%	6.0%
Children born to mothers under age 18	2.5%	2.7%	8.0%
Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education	8.9%	10.0%	12.4%

Signs of Trouble

Children abused and neglected	7,760	10,224	31.8%
Children dropping out of school (School years 1986-87 and 1990-91)	2.8%	3.5%	25.0%
Children's crimes against people (1987-1991)	5.8%	6.6%	13.8%
Children dying violently	266	199	-25.2%

State

What You Can Do to Help Children

To improve the lives of Minnesota's children, individuals, communities and policy makers must accept responsibility for all children in their communities. Find out about the children in your community by reading your county profile. Then take one or more of these actions for children. For more action ideas, see the full report, *Minnesota Kids—A Closer Look*.

As an individual...

- Spend time with the children in your life.
- Call the Child Advocates Hotline, 1-800-626-6108 for Greater Minnesota, or 871-1473 in the Twin cities, to learn specific policy actions to take for children.

As a community...

- Establish a parent-voter registration drive at schools, child care centers, clinics and hospitals.
- Offer and promote parent education classes for all parents.

As a religious congregation...

- Hold a Children's Sabbath to raise the visibility of children's needs and gifts.
- Offer a parent break, child care program, or after-school youth program for children in your community.

As an employer...

- Encourage employees to volunteer at their children's school, and to attend their school programs and conferences during work hours.
- Provide business skills and expertise to programs serving children.

As the media...

- Set and follow improved standards for broadcasting sex and violence.
- Feature good news about children and families of all races, cultures, and incomes.

As an elected official...

- Make the needs of children a priority in work and action.
- Use your position of leadership to bring community resources together to help children.



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Marian Wright Edelman, President
Children's Defense Fund